



Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: October 6th, 2021
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Members Virtually Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Clerk/Michael Bouchard
Not Present: Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant & Lauren Croy/Business Manager

The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 2:00 P.M.

Filho's Grease Report

No discussion at this time

Review I&I Study

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC there have been no updates from Mr. Rafferty regarding the I&I study.

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation

Mr. Gmeiner said there was some confusion regarding the pump options. Mr. Bouchard thinks the wet well idea does not work and he felt confused about the 2 pump 3 pump part. Mr. Gmeiner suggested we wait and see what he comes up with for the three pump option.

Mr. Bouchard asked if new development comes in at 75k gpd that would put us at our limit. Mr. Gmeiner said if we just do the \$200K-\$300K upgrades then yes, but we still have to do the pump upgrade anyway. Our options are either the \$200K-\$300K pump upgrade or 4 million for a complete pump station replacement and force main upgrade. Mr. Bouchard said looking at the I&I study it looks liked that was a lot of extra gallons and Mr. Gmeiner said he would follow up with Mr. Rafferty on the study. Mr. Bouchard said he spoke with Mr. Haddad and we can use those monies we discussed for the I&I Study. Mr. Gmeiner said we should confirm the amount with him and Mr. Bouchard said it was \$500K. Mr. Bouchard thinks the pump station should be a priority and Mr. Gmeiner said even if the development gets scaled down the pumps still need to be done.

Damaged Vent Pipe Boston Road Extension

Ms. Livezey told the BOSC that we are still waiting on an update

436 Main Street

Mr. Gmeiner said this project is complete other than the grinder pump. Mr. Bouchard asked if we know the size of the pump needed and Mr. Gmeiner said the basic size handles most households.

Mr. Gmeiner asked Ms. Livezey to check with the BOH regarding the connection and see if they sent a letter out regarding the mandatory sewer connection bylaw.

Prescott Capacity Charges

No discussion at this time

Indian Hill Music – Plan Review/Construction Discussion

No update at this time

108 Pleasant Street – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that the project is moving along.

Florence Roche School – Capacity

No update at this time

227 Boston Road/Lindemer – Sewer Connection Update

No update at this time

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Web Site

Mr. Bouchard said he is still working on this and that the GIS mapping is almost complete.

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that as of today the income for the Center Sewer District is \$174K compared to last year was \$162K and she said the expenses look good at this time. Mr. Gmeiner asked if that \$174K included Indian Hill payment and she replied “No” this was just rate income.

She did tell the BOSC we got the first Ayer payment for \$21K, which was budgeted out of the Four Corners Budget. Mr. Gmeiner asked if we are comfortable with Four Corners usage verse expenses and Ms. Crory said she would look that over and bring that to the next meeting.

Other Business: Bills Minutes Etc.

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Bouchard if he got a copy of the old zoning map. Mr. Gmeiner said he would like to look at it and was wondering about how the lines were drawn. Mr. Gmeiner said the Select Board were in favor 4-1 to extend the district and one was concerned on what would be done at the property. He said it does seem like its residential and would be over 55 and 5500 gpd.

Mr. Gmeiner asked if the letter was sent to Shaw’s regarding the excessive water usage being used for the cooling system. Ms. Livezey replied “yes”

Notification Requirement: Mr. Bouchard said he receive an email and it was related to Notice of sewer discharges to water ways and Mr. Gmeiner said he is not concerned. This would be more Lowell & Lawrence, and part of the MWRA and when they have torrential rain the storm water connections go into the sewer and they discharge untreated effluent to the Merrimack River.

Lab & Radiology Lab: Mr. Gmeiner said we need more information on that, He feels we ran into this and we discussed on Hollis Street where the new vet went in. The question came up with their lab and they do not discharge down the sewer and radiology would be the same (radiation and biohazard) not going down the sewer. Mr. Gmeiner said the inquiry was from the former Donelan's Property, sounded like a few Dr's office would be moving and adding a lab and radiology to the practice.

14 Adams Avenue:

Ms. Crory said they are looking to add an accessory apartment with one bed and one bath. Question for sewer under new regulations if that would be a \$6k charge separate dwelling or a \$2k for a one bedroom and Mr. Gmeiner said it would be a new building space it would be \$6K.

Next Meeting – October 13th, 2021

BILLS SIGNED – No bills were signed

MINUTES: - July 7th, July 21st and August 4th, 2021 were approved as amended

ADJOURN – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye and Bouchard-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant