



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**  
173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** November 3rd, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 P.M.

**Members Virtually Present:** Chair/James Gmeiner  
Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt  
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

**Others Virtually Present:** Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Judy Anderson, Sheila Julien and Mark McGrath

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

**Filho's – Grease Report**

No Discussion at this time

**45 West Street – Sewer Connection**

Mr. McGrath told the BOSC he is looking to convert an old barn into a 2-bed apartment under the new bylaw allowing detach apartments. They have been talking with Planning Board and have draft application for a special permit. They have a draft with the Conservation Committee because they are within 100 feet wetlands and have spoken to the building inspector. Mr. McGrath is moving forward and has a cost estimate and would be happy to apply for sewer connection permit, but thinks it may be premature. He said it would probably 2-3 months before they get town approved project. Mr. Gmeiner feels there should not be any issues and Deluxe is probably a year off and this should not interfere for capacity for this project. Mr. McGrath is confident they will secure a permit in early February, but could be delayed in installing due to frozen ground. Mr. Orcutt said that connection fees are due when the building permit is applied for. Mr. Gmeiner asked at what point can a person secure right to connect to sewer. Mr. Orcutt asked Mr. McGrath when will the permit be pulled and Mr. McGrath said February, he said they have to wait on the Planning Board and approval for the wetlands. Ms. Julien also told the BOSC said they have to build an exterior deck because a 2<sup>nd</sup> story structure requires two exits and that is where the wetlands approval comes in.

Mr. Orcutt asked in regards to the capacity and being able to secure it, we usually secure payment at the time the building permit is applied for. Mr. Orcutt asked what if a larger project comes up and there is delay in securing permits and in the meantime another project comes in and takes it. So he feels we need to decide when the process starts. Mr. Bouchard thinks if an application to planning board is serious intent and sewer is critical component. That is a good time to submit and maybe we put a time limit on the application to expire. Mr. Gmeiner said he would get an opinion from Town Counsel, but does not think it will change anything for this project. Ms. Julien asked if they should just pay that application fee of \$150 at time of special permit application and wait on the \$6k connection fee.

### **Review I&I Study**

Mr. Gmeiner has not seen anything new from Mr. Rafferty

### **Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation**

Mr. Gmeiner said he thought after last meeting we were thinking going with the larger pumps and having Mr. Rafferty get us a proposal.

Mr. Gmeiner said he met with Pepperell and they did ask if we wanted to purchase more capacity and he told them he does not know if we can pump it there. The Business Manager from Pepperell seems to think our pipes can handle the 275K gpd. He said if we have a 6" pipe it would be fine and we have an 8" and he said that's more than sufficient. Mr. Gmeiner said he does not know if he was taking distance/friction into consideration. Mr. Bouchard suggested maybe asking Mr. Rafferty about that.

### **500 Main Street**

No discussion at this time

### **Damaged Vent Pipe Boston Road Extension**

The work was completed on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **436 Main Street**

The BOSC is just waiting on confirmation to order the grinder pump

### **Prescott Capacity Charges**

No Discussion at this time

### **Indian Hill Music – Plan Review/Construction Discussion**

Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC the name has been changes to Groton Hill Music

### **108 Pleasant Street – Sewer Connection**

No Update at this time

### **Florence Roche School – Capacity**

No Discussion at this time

### **227 Boston Road/Lindemer – Sewer Connection Update**

Mr. Gmeiner will reach out to the Pepperell Business Manager regarding connecting to a vent pipe instead of the sewer line. He will also inquire about inspections.

## **Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Web Site**

Mr. Bouchard is working on the address and some of the parcels that were not shown on the map

## **FY22 & FY23 Budget**

Mr. Orcutt asked if the budgets were straight forward and Ms. Crory replied Four Corners should be, but we may need to have a rate hearing to have rates cover expenses. She said she can put together a preliminary budget along with the Center District to review.

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC we need to make sure that we tell Mr. Haddad at the budget meeting the treatment costs will be subject to the new IMA and may need to be adjusted. Mr. Orcutt suggested adding 10% to treatment and we make a side note.

## **Other Business: Bills Minutes Etc.**

Mr. Gmeiner asked that we schedule a meeting to discuss Pepperell IMA. Ms. Crory asked if we should schedule a separate meeting or schedule with this meeting to discuss the upcoming budgets that are due.

**Next Meeting** – November 10th, 2021

**BILLS SIGNED** – No bills were signed

**MINUTES:** - June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 as amended

**ADJOURN** – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 3:20P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye, Orcutt – Aye & Bouchard-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant