



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: November 17th, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM

Members Virtually Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Clerk/Michael Bouchard

Not Virtually Present: Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey/Water & Sewer Assistant, Lauren Crory/Business Manager,
Judy Anderson and Oswaldo Filho

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

Filho's Grease Report

Mr. Filho told the BOSC he maintains the grease trap twice a week and has someone come in every three months and snakes out. Mr. Filho told the BOSC he checked with company he bought it from and it is the correct size. Mr. Gmeiner asked if anything inside can be increased in size and Mr. Filho said its tight, but he will look into it. He also had a plumber come out and check it and he said it was clean. Mr. Filho said this has been an ongoing issue and it has only had grease in there a few times. Mr. Gmeiner said it has been more that a few times, but the BOSC has not always passed along the cost of the jetting. Mr. Filho said he has paid a few of those invoices and told the BOSC that is water/sewer bills are high and figures 75% is going to sewerage and Mr. Gmeiner said it was 2/3.

Mr. Gmeiner suggested that he somehow decrease the grease going in and maybe do more maintenance or get a bigger grease trap. Mr. Gmeiner said Pepperell CCTV'd the line and the pictures show that the grease is at Mr. Filho's location. Mr. Filho said he will replace the grease trap if needed and will have to research it and does not know if he can put inside and if he had to put one outside would mean temporarily closing the business to do this. Mr. Filho asked how many times a year the line is jetted and Mr. Gmeiner said twice a year and he asked if we could split the bill. Mr. Gmeiner said we would not have to jet if there was no signs of grease.

Mr Bouchard said in regards to the rates we charge that covers the sewer charges to Pepperell, not for the jetting. Mr. Bouchard suggested we ask Pepperell to do pictures next time they clean it and see if the amount of grease is abnormal and if it shows the same amount of acumilation.

Mr. Filho said they have gotten back on weekly maintenance and he showed his employees how to properly do it. If they were not cleaning it every week this would have contributed to the excess grease. Mr. Filho suggested we see at the next jetting process the amount of build up and if is has not changed then he will look into resizing the grease trap. Mr. Gmeiner said that is a good approach and the more information we have the better. Mr. Gmeiner will let Pepperell know the next time they plan on jetting to to the photos beforehand.

Pepperell IMA

The BOSC will be holding a meeting on November 23rd to discuss the IMA

45 West Street – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner said he would send a request to Town Counsel regarding the timing of the connection of sewer and the reservation of capacity request.

Review I&I Study

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC we are waiting on the proposal from Mr. Rafferty

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Evaluation

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC we are waiting on the proposal from Mr. Rafferty

Damaged Vent Pipe Boston Road Extension

Job Complete and we have received the paper work to sign off.

Mr. Bouchard made a motion to sign off on the Damaged Vent Pipe, Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye and Orcutt-Aye

Groton Hill Music – Plan Review/Construction Discussion

Mr. Gmeiner asked that we get a plan review update from Mr. Rafferty

108 Pleasant Street – Sewer Connection

Connection complete and can be removed from Agenda

227 Boston Road/Lindemer – Sewer Connection Update

No new updates

Discussion of proposed Sewer Commission Web Site

Mr. Bouchard will follow up with Mr. Chiasson

Discuss Groton Center Sewer System Connection Bylaw

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that she revised the Four Corners budget and put \$7K for salary under overhead and she will create a bill. She told the BOSC that Ms. Dufresene would like to set up a wages line and payroll will figure out the breakout.

Mr. Gmeiner asked that we post for the Budget Meeting for December 1st.

Other Business: Bills Minutes Etc.

Next Meeting – November 23, 20221

BILLS SIGNED –

MINUTES: - September 8th & September 15th, 2021 were approved as amended

ADIURN – Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 2:55 PM Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye & Bouchard-Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant