



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: February 16th, 2022
Time: 2:00PM

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

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey and Lauren Crory

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

Kilbourn Place

Mr. Bouchard told Mr. Orcutt at the last meeting they had a discussion with Mr. Widmayer regarding the payment he made upfront for (4) business spaces. The space is now being proposed as (3) building spaces, therefore we decided to credit Mr. Widmayer for (1). Mr. Orcutt suggested we wait until the Plan is complete with the Planning Board then we ask Mr. Widmayer to submit a letter for reimbursement.

Potential Mass Works Grant

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that Mr. Haddad was pushing for August and now the submission date is June. With this submission date Mr. Rafferty would not have enough time and Mr. Amaral would not either. Mr. Haddad thinks that next year would be better, so we are going to wait and apply next year. Mr. Gmeiner said we can go ahead with the small upgrade and be fine and that would not be dependent on the Mass Works Grant. Mr. Bouchard said this small upgrade would not leave much of a buffer and he asked about Mr. Brem project. Mr. Gmeiner replied that is going to be over 55 housing and we would have enough capacity. Mr. Bouchard asked would this also limit sewer connections in the future and Mr. Gmeiner replied "yes".

436 Main Street – Pump

No Update at this time

Review I&I Study

Waiting on Mr. Rafferty

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner said he spoke with Mr. Brinkman and it looks like with a flow over flow for the past five years we would not be paying more. Mr. Gmeiner asked that we run some reports on what we have paid Pepperell breaking out the operating charges and capital maintenance, he also asked that we break out the GDRHS.

Mr. Gmeiner said in reviewing the new IMA proposal it seems Groton will get better services and they will now cover inspections, which would eliminate Mr. Rafferty's costs. Mr. Gmeiner also asked that we review the Environmental Partner bills for five years.

Pepperell Procedure Questions

Mr. Gmeiner said he would send an email with a response.

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Evaluation

No update at this time

Groton Hill Music - Plan Review/Construction Discussion

Mr. Gmeiner asked that we send out the invoices for the engineering costs that exceeded the amount of \$1,000.00.

227 Boston Road/Lindemer - Sewer Connection Update

The project has started and we have not received any recent updates.

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Web Site

Mr. Bouchard said he will follow up with Mr. Chiasson

Sewer Abatement Policy

The BOSC will review this at the next meeting

Center District Sewer Application - Vested Rights to Capacity

The BOSC will review this at the next meeting

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that we went over budget for meters for FY22 by \$10K and the Pepperell Bills by \$15k so far, but we still have a few months left. Mr. Gmeiner said he is comfortable transferring \$60K for the Pepperell Bills and the \$10K for the meters. Ms. Crory said the rate income may also be short, she said she would run more accurate numbers and reports for the next meeting.

Other Business: Bills Minutes Etc.

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that there is a Liquor Store that will be occupying the spot where Riverbend was in Four Corners. He told the BOSC that we would have to bill them a connection fee based on the sq. footage.

Next Meeting – March 2nd, 2022

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: - December 8th, December 14th and December 21st as amended

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant