Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: April 6th, 2022
Time: 2:00PM

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

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey, Lauren Crory and Judy Anderson

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

Potential Mass Works Grant

This is on hold

436 Main Street – Pump

Mr. Orcutt said we are just waiting on an update on the installation. Mr. Bouchard asked about the inspection and who would do this and Mr. Gmeiner replied "Pepperell".

Review I&I Study

Mr. Orcutt said we would need to get a "RFP" advertised and get it out to bid and we would take the lowest bidder for ARPA funds. Mr. Orcutt said he would prepare this and he will do another one for the pump station when it's time. He said he spoke with Mr. Haddad and he did not recommend bundling the two projects. Mr. Gmeiner asked if we decide we can get Pepperell to do the work can we cancel. Mr. Orcutt said this is a timing issue and would want to do in the spring when ground water high. Mr. Gmeiner said if Pepperell was doing the CCTV of the lines that would be part of the IMA and we would not be paying extra (so would not be using ARPA monies). Mr. Orcutt said if Pepperell goes over the amount allotted and we need to pay them more, he was wondering if we could use ARPA monies and he said he will speak to Mr. Haddad.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC he thought the meeting went well regarding the IMA. Mr. Gmeiner asked that a list be put together with all the utilities that we pay for the Nod Road Pumping Station (phone, electrical & fuel). Mr. Gmeiner asked if Generator checks are done and Mr. Orcutt said "yes" Pepperell does it. He also asked that we put together office staff salaries, retirement etc. Mr. Orcutt asked why we would need this information and Mr. Gmeiner said it would be needed for the true up at the end of the year that was discussed for the new IMA. This could possibly generate a credit back to Groton at the end of the year.

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Mr. Gmeiner said the spreadsheet showing Pepperell Payments would have a difference in what we show and will be missing a few things like the $27K that the Town Groton pays (so that would need to be added back in). Mr. Bouchard said office expenses and pump station expenses should show what we pay Pepperell and what we pay directly for these should be added. Mr. Gmeiner said Mr. Brinkman would not have those in his spreadsheet, the spreadsheet shows what the cost would be for treatment and would not include pump station costs or office staff. Mr. Bouchard suggested they be added to the direct costs so we can have that discussion with Pepperell. Mr. Bouchard said Mr. Brinkman seems to be looking at system costs and these direct costs need to be added for the end of the year true up.

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation

Mr. Orcutt will prepare an RFP

Groton Hill Music – Plan Review/Construction Discussion

No new information

227 Boston Road/Lindemer – Sewer Connection Update

Mr. Gmeiner said the line seems to be roadside in the brush and it is marked off with surveying tags.

Discussion of Proposed Sewer Commission Web Site

No updates

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that she just billed Book 1 April 1st and compared to last year it was $50K more, so we most likely will meet the rates budget.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Gmeiner said he would speak to Mr. Delaney regarding the manholes.

Ms. Livezey told the BOSC that she received an abatement request for 205 Main Street and Mr. Gmeiner asked that this be put on the next agenda for April 20th.

Next Meeting – April 20th, 2022

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: - March 16th & March 23rd, 2022 as amended

ADJOURN – Mr. *Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 2:55PM Mr. Bouchard seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye, Orcutt- Aye and Bouchard-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant