

Groton Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Sewer Commissioners
Wednesday, May 18th, 2022
Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Minutes

Present are Chairman James Gmeiner, Vice Chairman Thomas Orcutt, Clerk Michael Bouchard, Business Manager Lauren Crory and resident Judy Anderson.

Mr. Gmeiner called the meeting to order at 2:01pm

Expansion Limits

Mr. Gmeiner said the state is currently reviewing the Interbasin Transfer as part of getting a new well permitted. The Sewer Department already did this study and got approval for the 275,000 gallons per day and assumes this will not change during their new review. It would be very costly to do another review. Mr. Bouchard asked for clarification that if we were sending over 275,000 gallons of sewage a day to Pepperell, we would have issues and Mr. Gmeiner confirmed and said at that point we would have many hoops to jump through. Mr. Bouchard asked if the \$4,000,000 pump upgrade would only get us to the 275,000 gpd maximum and Mr. Gmeiner said yes.

Potential Mass Works Grant

Mr. Bouchard will work on the AARPA funds and Mr. Orcutt will help when he is available to.

436 Main Street – Pump

Brian Lagasse said the pump is supposed to go in this week and he will call us when he is ready.

Review I&I study

No update.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner made a list of concerns to send to Pepperell and Mr. Orcutt looked good and we should have a late June meeting.

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow evaluation

No update.

Groton Hill Music – Plan-review/Construction Discussion

Mr. Gmeiner said they should be opening in the fall.

227 Boston Road/Lindemer– Sewer Connection Update

Mr. Gmeiner did not have an update and Mr. Orcutt said they were clearing trees.

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Mrs. Crory sent out a financial update spreadsheet and said there are currently no issues and she will continue to update and monitor through the end of year.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Gmeiner asked if the manholes were done and Mr. Orcutt said they were completed but they were not inspected. Mr. Orcutt thinks Pepperell should inspect these before they pave on Tuesday/Wednesday.

Mr. Gmeiner said we are averaging about 120,000 gpd for actual flow (130,000 gpd if including the high school).

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6th, 2022 pending the chair's edits, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21st, 2022 pending the chair's edits, Mr. Gmeiner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Orcutt said that 18 Nod Rd is looking into subdividing their property and will attend a meeting to discuss.

Mr. Orcutt said that the Parish House at 220 Main St may be sold and converted to a residential unit so may result in a change of use and sewer capacity. Mr. Gmeiner said we will need to calculate the current sewer use (office) to see if the GPD would need to be increased.

Mrs. Crory told the commission that she received the Florence Roche Sewer Application from the contractor and she will scan and email a copy.

Next Meeting June 2, 2022

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 2:45pm, Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Crory