



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: June 15th, 2022

Time: 10:15 AM

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 10:15 AM

ARPA Funds

Mr. Haddad told the BOSC that he has set aside \$250K for Water and \$500K for Sewer related issues. He said that \$150K of that goes towards I&I and that leaves \$350K left for Sewer, but would require a final vote from the Select Board on what needs to be done. Mr. Gmeiner asked if this was depending on the Land Fill out come and Mr. Haddad said he is waiting on the final report and looks like nothing will need to be done, therefore that \$350K will be for Sewer. Mr. Gmeiner asked if there were any other monies left and Mr. Haddad said there is \$140K not designated yet.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Haddad that the Water Department is currently having an interbasin transfer issue and that may become a sewer issue. He said if the sewer department was to purchase more capacity this would become a costly study. Mr. Gmeiner said with our current allotted flow we can send to Pepperell is 275K/gpd. Mr. Haddad asked if the potential Deluxe project would put that number over and Mr. Gmeiner replied "no", but it would require a pump station upgrade. Mr. Haddad said there is \$150K for I&I and \$250K set aside for Water and if anything comes in less, the extra funds can go to sewer.

Review I&I Study

Waiting on an update

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation

Mr. Bouchard asked about the \$250K for the pumps verse the 4-million-dollar upgrade to the pump station and would that get us to the 275k/gpd. Mr. Gmeiner said that the new pumps would get us to 180k/gpd which would be an additional 50K/gpd for the Deluxe plus the Bridal and Spur property and would not leave enough for anything else.

220 Main Street (Parish House) Capacity

No updates at this time

Expansion Limits

Mr. Gmeiner said we should be ok up to the 275/gpd figure and if we were to purchase more capacity there may be interbasin transfer issues. He did speak with Mr. Rafferty and he was going to try to contact the state about some of the sewer issues. He said when we got approval for Lost Lake/Four Corners that included the 275k/gpd we have now and we paid for the study for using that number.

436 Main Street - Pump

This project is complete and Mr. Lagasse has filled out all the necessary paperwork to submit to the BOH.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Orcutt mentioned that Pepperell is facing a 30% increase and that the chemical costs for Groton have doubled. He told the BOSC we should probably plan on at least a 20% increase. Mr. Gmeiner said he would reach out to Pepperell for an update and we may want to consider having a hearing in September. He said we may also need to do a transfer from reserves.

Groton Hill Music - Plan-Review/Construction Discussion

No Updates

227 Boston Road/Lindemer - Sewer Connection Update

No Updates

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Ms. Crory said the rates income is at 94% and looks like we will be about \$40K short, salaries and wages are ok and general expenses are even with the budget. She did tell the BOSC that the \$145K spring transfer was kept separate and she will get the betterment number for the next meeting.

Four Corners: Ms. Crory told the BOSC that the income came in at \$122,207.35 less expenses of \$54,555.14 for a net income of \$67,652.21.

Ms. Crory said the rates income/expenses looks inflated and that was due to the high usage Shaws bills. Mr. Gmeiner asked if Shaws has responded to the letters that have been sent and Ms. Crory replied "not yet".

Commission Reorganization

Will be discussed at the next meeting

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Next Meeting – June 22, 2022

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: - April 27th, May 4th and May 18th, 2022

ADJOURN – Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 11:00A.M. Mr. Bouchard seconded the motion. Roll Call
Gmeiner –Aye, Orcutt- Aye and Bouchard-Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant