



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**

173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** July 6th, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 PM

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

**Not Present:** Vice Chair/Thomas Orcutt

**Others Virtually Present:** Ann Livezey, Lauren Crory and Bob Enwright

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The Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 2:00 PM

**29 Champney – Single Family Converting to Duplex**

Mr. Enwright said they want to convert the existing property into a duplex and split all the utilities gas, sewer and water. Mr. Gmeiner asked how many bedrooms and he said single family two beds upstairs and a bed downstairs which would be converted to a one bedroom. The back unit would be 750 sq. ft. with one bed and one kitchen unit and the front unit would be separated with two beds, one bath, laundry and kitchen. Mr. Gmeiner suggested this be done in the next year because we have a capacity issue and if done in the next year it should be ok. Mr. Gmeiner said under current regulations this would be considered a new building space and you would be responsible for one connection fee of \$7500.00 with an application and inspection fee.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Enwright to file the sewer application and the fee would be due when the building permit is pulled.

**489 Main Street – Votes (Dentist/United Cultivation)**

Ms. Livezey said she had reviewed minutes and we had not taken a vote on United Cultivation and the Dental office as discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Gmeiner said we need to take votes.

**Mr. Gmeiner made a motion for a no change of use for the United Cultivation space according to the Center Sewer District Regulations Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** Roll Call: Gmeiner – Aye and Bouchard - Aye

**Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the change of use for the remaining space at 489 Main Street for (3) Dentist and the connection fee is \$6,204.75, Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** Roll Call: Gmeiner – Aye and Bouchard - Aye

Mr. Bouchard asked how that number was determined and Mr. Gmeiner said Mr. Amaral emailed after the meeting and changed the number of Dentists from (2) to (3) and that is how we came up with the \$6,204.75

**NOTE:** (3) dentist at 200gpd for a total of 600gpd and current allocation is 327gpd so net increase of 273gpd.  $(273 \div 330 \times \$7,500 = \$6,204.75)$

### **Review I&I Study**

No new information

### **Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation**

No new information

### **220 Main Street (Parish House) – Capacity**

No new information

### **Expansion Limits**

Mr. Gmeiner said he would be meeting with DEP along with Mr. Orcutt on July 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the interbasin transfer for water and that may have some impact on sewer.

### **Pepperell IMA**

Mr. Gmeiner has not heard anything about the IMA, but he will be meeting with Pepperell on Monday to discuss the treatment cost increase for this Fiscal Year. Mr. Bouchard asked Mr. Gmeiner to find out if this would be a temporary or permanent increase.

### **Groton Hill Music – Plan Review/Construction Discussion**

No new information

### **227 Boston Road/Lindemer – Sewer Connection Update/New House**

Mr. Gmeiner asked that we keep an eye on the bedroom count on this project and is hoping Mr. Orcutt will have more information for the next meeting.

### **Groton Farms Application**

Mr. Gmeiner asked if that application was sent out or was it just posted on the town's website. Ms. Crory said we did not receive any emails regarding this. Mr. Bouchard asked if Mr. Amaral submitted to the State and Mr. Gmeiner said "yes". Mr. Gmeiner said he did get an email from Mass Housing regarding the 40B at Cow Pond Brook. He said this application looks like the Select Board is requesting input.

Mr. Gmeiner suggested the BOSC read through this, so we can give our input. He said he did list a bunch of routine utilities and seems that sewer was left off. Mr. Gmeiner said the overall calculation was 33K gpd for bedroom count provided and Mr. Bouchard that is less than what was previously requested. Mr. Bouchard asked if there is an explanation on how he reached that number and Mr. Gmeiner said "yes" on Page #9 and he said it looks like a total of (312-bedroom total).

Mr. Gmeiner said in reviewing the application it looks like it would be 200 Dwelling units and for sewer fees that would mean (200 units x \$7500.00 = \$1.5 million)

### **FY22 & FY23 Budget**

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that the FY22 budget is still within the forecast and she will update the spreadsheet for the next meeting.

Ms. Cory asked that a transfer be made of \$30.00 from salaries to wages to cover the FY22 budget

**Mr. Bouchard made a motion to transfer \$30.00 from salaries to wages and Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** Roll Call: Gmeiner – Aye and Bouchard – Aye

**Mr. Bouchard made a motion to sign Sewer Invoices for EW28, Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously** Roll Call: Gmeiner – Aye and Bouchard – Aye

### **Commission Reorganization**

Will be discussed when Mr. Orcutt is present

### **Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.**

**Next Meeting** – July 22, 2022

**BILLS SIGNED** – No bills signed

**MINUTES:** - No Minutes approved

**ADJOURN** – *Mr. Bouchard made a motion to adjourn at 2:42P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye and Bouchard-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant