



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: September 7th 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

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 PM

Pepperell IMA

No updates, just waiting on updated billing.

Seven Hills Group Home

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC he received a letter from the Planning Board regarding an application for a new group home for disabled youths. Mr. Gmeiner suggested we invite the applicant in to discuss the sewer connection fees and see if there would be an increase.

Mr. Orcutt thought it would consist of knocking down one or two buildings and building one larger building with 12 beds, so that would increase occupancy. Mr. Gmeiner asked what the existing bed count was and Mr. Orcutt said 6-7 bedrooms. Mr. Gmeiner said that we should alert the Planning Board that Seven Hills needs to come before the sewer commission before they close the hearing.

Review I&I Study

Mr. Orcutt said this has been submitted to Town Counsel and they are reviewing. He said there may be some language changes and this could take a few weeks to hear back.

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation

No updates at this time

220 Main Street (Parish House) – Capacity

No updates

Expansion Limits

Mr. Orcutt asked that Ms. Livezey locate the minutes that we had a discussion and took a vote not to expand the sewer district.

Groton Hill Music – Plan Review/Construction Discussion

No updates and can be removed from the agenda

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

Mr. Orcutt said he will not sign off on the permit until we get the correct bedroom count.

Groton Farms Application

Mr. Gmeiner asked if we have heard anything about the comments, we submitted to the Select Board. Mr. Orcutt said he has not, but he did meet with the engineers about water/sewer and relayed a message that the 8" line that is in deluxe would need to be completely replaced or at minimum camered to make sure there is no I&I leakage. Mr. Orcutt said they were looking for some invert elevations on Main Street and Mr. Gmeiner said any information given from As Builts always tell them "That what the plans say" and we advise you double check.

Mr. Gmeiner asked that we check with Select Board and see what was submitted to the State and he would like a copy.

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Mr. Gmeiner asked if we got any certified numbers yet and Ms. Crory said "no".

Commission Reorganization

No discussion at this meeting

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Abatement – 8 Elm Street

Ms. Crory told the BOSC she received an abatement request for 8 Elm Street. The customer had a leaky toilet and the owner did have the plumber out to make the necessary repairs and submitted receipts. According to his average quarterly bills he was billed a total of 12-units extra.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate 12 sewer units at 8 Elm Street at the lowest tier for a total of \$144.32 Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Orcutt-Aye and Bouchard-Aye

Shaws – Billing

Ms. Crory told the BOSC she just finished up the quarterly billing and it seems that Shaws has not resolved the issue. Mr. Gmeiner asked that we issue another letter to them regarding the evaporator cooling system and wait for their response. Mr. Orcutt was in agreement and said the other issue with this extra usage is that it could trip or IMA with Ayer.

Next Meeting – September 21, 2022

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: - no minutes were approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:00P.M. Mr. Bouchard seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye, Orcutt-Aye and Bouchard-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant