



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: September 21st, 2022

Time: 2:00 P.M.

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

Others Virtually Present: Mark Haddad, Don Black, Ed Doucette, Liza Sargent, Mr. Dsorgmans, Ann Livezey, Lauren Crory and Judy Anderson

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

Reaffirm Earlier Vote of System Expansion

Will discuss at the next meeting

Seven Hills Group Home

Mr. Doucette told the BOSC this is a 9-bedroom group home. It is currently two buildings now and they will be knocked down and making one. He said one is being used as a small storage Building and the small brick house is being used as offices now and he did get Planning Board has approval. Mr. Gmeiner said our regulations deal with change of use and could trigger additional capacity and there would be a connection fee if additional capacity if needed. Mr. Gmeiner explained we do use Title V and we look at what is currently there and what is being proposed to see if there would be an increase,

Mr. Doucette said the smaller building is used for storage and used to be a 3-bedroom house. The 2nd building was a 4-bedroom home and is now being used as offices (8) Total. Mr. Gmeiner asked what is being proposed now and Mr. Doucette said it would actually be (7) bedroom with (9) beds total.

Mr. Gmeiner asked if we should call this bedroom or under Title V nursing home, rest home. Mr. Doucette said they are young adults somewhat mobile and there may be some in wheel chairs and all are capable of using the bath facility as opposed to nursing home. Mr. Gmeiner said we would consider bedrooms and Mr. Orcutt agreed, so 7-bedrooms total. Mr. Gmeiner said this would match the bed count before and Mr. Orcutt said it be a change of use by square footage office space to bedrooms. Mr. Doucette said the 8-office building is 4800 sq. ft and has two finished floors.

$75 \times 4.8 = 360$ (7) beds at 110 gpd is $770 - 360 = 410$ gpd

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$$410 \div 330 = 1.2424 \times \$7500.00 = \$9,318.00$$

Mr. Gmeiner said the change of use fee is \$9,318.00 and we would want to know when the connection is made. Mr. Orcutt said when he submits to the building department, he will note the file that it has to go to Pepperell for review. Mr. Doucette said the storage bldg. is an old line that goes to West Street, the larger building was connected to the new building and we will reconnect and utilize that line.

The Engineer told the BOSC the existing to the storage building will be connected to the existing maintenance garage, that currently goes to the storage building to West Street and we will just extend that connection to the maintenance garage. Mr. Gmeiner asked if the new building will tie into the large building and the Engineer replied the new building is going tie into the existing sewer manhole that connects to the street at the top and the maintenance garage will connect to existing service line that goes to the storage building.

2:30 P.M. Public Hearing 91 Chicopee Row – Extend the Sewer District

Mr. Gmeiner opened the Public Hearing at 2:30 P.M. and read the following notice.

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Chapter 83 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town of Groton Sewer Regulations, and the Policy and Guidelines for a Submission to Extend Sewer District, the Groton Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 at 2:30P.M. via Virtual Meeting using Zoom Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order to consider a proposed sewer extension to the property shown on Assessors' Map 225 Lot #49. Please see Meeting posted at <https://www.grotonma.gov/events/> for details regarding Zoom meeting information.

Mr. Black said he was representing Sick Boy Homes LLC. to Extend the Sewer District at 91 Chicopee Row. Mr. Gmeiner said after reviewing the certified receipts he did not see that the immediate abutter at 97 Chicopee Row was notified. Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Black that this abutter needs to be notified and we will continue the Public Hearing at a later date.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to continue the Public Hearing for the Sewer Extension for 91 Chicopee Row until October 6th @ 10:00a.m. virtual meeting using Zoom Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Orcutt -Aye and Bouchard-Aye

201 Boston Road – Bedroom Count

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Black that the original plan submitted was a 5-bedroom and now the most recent application was submitted as a 4-bedroom. Mr. Black said that Dillis and Roy did the original plan showing a 4-5 bedroom, but now the actual permit was 4-bedrooms and Mr. Grossman of the Board of Health is in agreement it's a 4-bedroom. Mr. Gmeiner said after taking a closer look he sees that one room has a ½ wall and no closet, so he sees it as a 4-bedroom count.

Mr. Orcutt said the original foundation permit showed a 5-bedroom then the building permit was changed to 4-bedrooms. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Black if the applicant would be opposed to a Title V

restriction to 4-bedrooms. This would get recorded and limit use to a 4-bedroom only. Mr. Black said he did not think so and that he would provide a letter from Mr. Grossman confirming it's a 4-bedroom only.

Mr. Bouchard said he would be ok with a letter from Mr. Grossman stating this is a 4-bedroom home and Mr. Gmeiner agreed.

Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to accept 201 Boston Road as a 4-bedroom with written approval from Mr. Grossman of Nashoba Board of Health, Mr. Bouchard seconded and Mr. Orcutt abstained.

Pepperell IMA

No discussion

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 discussion

Expansion Limits

No discussion

Groton Hill Music – Plan Review/Construction Discussion

No Discussion

Groton Farms Application

No discussion

FY22 & FY23 Budget

Ms. Crory told the BOSC the certified numbers were as follows:

Center Sewer: \$556K and Four Corners Sewer: \$426K

Commission Reorganization

No discussion

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Next Meeting –September 29th, 2022

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: - August 3rd minutes were approved as amended

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