



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**

173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
**Time:** 2:00 PM

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

**Others Virtually Present:** Ann Livezey, Lauren Croy and Judy Anderson

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

**Review Annual Sewer Report**

Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC we got the final flow numbers from Pepperell and the gallonage shows that there was about 10% less flow in 2022 than 2021 and that was attributed to inflow and infiltration. He has completed the report and will submit.

**SSO Notification Plan Development**

Mr. Bouchard told the BOSC that he has been working on the SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) Public Notification Plan. He spoke with Groton IT and they can help set up a local subscription to notify people of an SSO event. He said he also spoke with the administration at the Groton Police Department and she said they have the capabilities to send out a smart 911. Mr. Bouchard said he would compile a list of organizations to be notified under the SSO Notification Regulations in the event it's needed.

**Pepperell Flows**

This information was included in the review of the annual sewer report.

**500 Main Street - Groton Farms**

Mr. Orcutt said there may be Grant program available to include the Nod Road pump station and the monies may go through this rather than ARPA.

**Pepperell IMA**

Mr. Gmeiner said he is still reviewing the IMA and that he is going to ask Mr. Rafferty to the next meeting to give us an update.

## **201 Boston Road/Lindemer New House**

No new information

## **Review I&I Study**

Mr. Gmeiner said he will speak to Mr. Rafferty and have him describe the areas that need to have a CCTV inspection.

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

Mr. Orcutt told the BOSC that have had (11) responses to the RFP that was submitted.

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

No new information

## **Expansion Limits**

Mr. Orcutt said the Four Corners sewer interbasin was approved specifically for the Lost Lake Area and was modified to include commercial and residential in Four Corners. Anything new would have to go back to the State for approval to expand the district and would require permission to expand. Mr. Bouchard asked if that would include the 5<sup>th</sup> Corner and NE Power and Mr. Gmeiner said NE Power was included but not the 5<sup>th</sup> corner.

Mr. Orcutt said with the center sewer and the development of 500 Main Street that could cause flow restrictions and pump restrictions. Mr. Gmeiner asked if we should take a vote on not expanding the district and Mr. Orcutt suggested we do a hard stop maybe come up with guidelines on how we might consider to expand the district failure or public health. Mr. Gmeiner said we could come up with something like a policy stating in view of the limited capacity we have to allow future growth in the center of town the board takes a position on any article to expand the district.

Mr. Bouchard said that we have measured flows and if we have a new addition if it would be assessed under Title V and Mr. Gmeiner said “yes”. Mr. Gmeiner said that there is also the difference in the amount we use thru metering the water and what gets pumped to Pepperell. He said the three things are, measured flows, title V, and Permanent flows. Mr. Gmeiner said under the current IMA we are limited to the amount of gallons per month and if we go beyond that we would have to declare a moratorium and the new agreement would be a rolling twelve-month average. In the past we looked at calculating any new additions to the system according to Title V to give us that buffer.

## **FY22 & FY23 Budget**

Ms. Crory told the BOSC there has been no big changes and will bring an updated report for the next meeting with the spring transfer numbers. Mr. Orcutt said he has the draft articles ready.

## **Commission Reorganization**

No discussion

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

**Next Meeting** – February 15th, 2023

**BILLS SIGNED** – No bills signed

**MINUTES:**

No Minutes were approved

**ADJOURN** – *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 P.M. Mr. Bouchard seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye, Orcutt-Aye and Bouchard-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant