



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**

173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** March 8th 2023

**Time:** 2:00 PM

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

**Others Virtually Present:** Paul Brinkman/Business Manager Pepperell DPW, Thomas Nephew/Chair Pepperell/DPW, Bob Rafferty/Environmental Partners, Ann Livezey/Assistant, Lauren Croy/Business Manager, Judy Anderson/Resident

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

**Pepperell IMA**

Mr. Rafferty said the copy of the IMA that went out was marked up with everyone's comments. He said most of the edits done were to the text of the IMA and were made to simplify it. He said he felt the spreadsheets that were provided were great and the numbers were all in there and they flowed with the IMA.

Mr. Rafferty said the proposed changes were the allocation between the communities and there are many variables. The proposed changes were to keep what the existing IMA does and use flow over flow. This was to simplify and avoid a debate in the future.

Mr. Brinkman said he has reviewed with Mr. Nephew and most of it they are ok with. There were a few areas they did not know what the intent of the change is and feels we should review. He said peak flow was one of them and it does not have anything to do with allocation costs. Mr. Rafferty said the OM&R is pretty straight forward, but its when you get in the capital costs and the peak flow came in on that. Mr. Rafferty said he realize you size pipe based on peak flow and three things came up, consistency of what peak flow is and how will it be measured and we would need to define those variables. He feels we should keep the basic formula and Peak flow is defined as over peak hourly flow and peak flow over one hour and not sure how easy that would be to capture.

Mr. Brinkman said the limit was put in place because the pipes have a capacity and if they don't set a number and you upgrade the facility and then the flow increases, he would be concerned the pipes cannot handle it. Mr. Rafferty said they can change the language that if Groton increases flow, it will be discussed with Pepperell. Mr. Gmeiner said his concern is getting out from under the 275 gpd and going with the rolling 12 month average. He said they will be doing the upgrade to the pump station and in the next 5-

10 years we may get closer to that 275K number. Mr. Brinkman said he will work on that language to reword the peak flow.

Mr. Gmeiner asked about the GDRHS and the true up. Mr. Brinkman said when we true up, the only thing we can look at is their flow. Mr. Gmeiner asked Ms. Crory the amount we bill the GDRHS now and she said we are billing them \$5,455.00/month and she will send Mr. Brinkman the formula we chose.

Mr. Brinkman said they would like to have the CCTV completed within five years. Mr. Gmeiner said this was a big selling point for us so we did not have to sub this work out. Mr. Brinkman said they are getting monies July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be getting a new camera. Mr. Rafferty said he will share the information that was done by Environmental Partners. Mr. Brinkman said they did do Partridgeberry and Broadmeadow and they did not find much. Mr. Brinkman said there is defiantly a rain induced infiltration and we need to find it.

Mr. Nephew said they are fine with most of these edits and feels we are making progress. Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Brinkman to get us a revised copy and a sketch of how the flow meters work.

### **Discussion of Adopting System Expansion Policy**

No discussion

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

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Orcutt about the proposals we received for Nod Road. Mr. Orcutt said we need to choose one and the RFP identifies how we should rank them. Mr. Gmeiner suggested we schedule a separate meeting to discuss the RFP and choose one.

**Next Meeting** - March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**BILLS SIGNED** - No bills signed

### **MINUTES:**

*Mr. Orcutt made a motion to accept the minutes of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as amended and Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed: Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Orcutt -Aye and Bouchard - Abstained*

*Mr. Orcutt made a motion to accept the minutes of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as amended and Mr. Bouchard seconded and the motion passed: Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Orcutt -Aye and Bouchard - Aye*

**ADIJOURN** - *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 3:40 P.M. Mr. Bouchard seconded the motion. Roll Call Gmeiner -Aye Bouchard - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant