



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: July 19th, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

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

Others Virtually Present: Ann Livezey/Assistant, Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Jeff Bush/Resident and Judy Anderson/Resident

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

220 Main Street (Parish house) - Capacity

Mr. Bush told the BOSC he is interested in purchasing 220 Main Street and converting it into a single-family residence. Mr. Gmeiner said there is sewer available and there would be a connection fee due to the change of use. Mr. Gmeiner said the space was office space and now changing to residential, so there would be a credit for the existing space. Office space is 75/gpd per 1,000 sq. ft and its roughly 3300 sq ft which would be 250 gpd for usage. A four-bedroom house would be 440gpd less the 250gpd credit so it would be 190 gpd. Ms. Crory said the calculation would be 190gpd divided by 330 (three-bedroom home) $190 \div 330 = .5757 \times \$7500.00 = \$4,318.00$. Mr. Gmeiner said if there are more bedrooms the fee would go up.

Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Bush that the application and Connection Fee would be due to us when the building permit is applied for.

201 Boston Road

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that he found a plan from Ducharme & Dillis showing that the grinder pump would be installed outdoors. He also told the BOSC that Ms. Livezey has sent out a sewer application to be filled out by the homeowner and that the fees will be discussed when they attend the next meeting.

500 Main Street – Groton Farms

Mr. Gmeiner said he did receive some comments from Mr. Brinkman and he will forward to the BOSC to review.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that Mr. Nephew has reached out and said that are almost done with the IMA, but they are having an issue on how to handle when/if Groton needs more capacity. He said they are considering hiring an engineer to do the proposal, but in the mean time they will send out the revised IMA with the changes we discussed at the last meeting.

Review I&I

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that Pepperell did go out and check the area of the Rail Trail and they did not find anything, so they will continue to look at other places.

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow evaluation

No Discussion

Expansion Limits

No Discussion

FY23 & FY24 Budget

Ms. Crory told the BOSC that the GDRHS is \$40K over budget due to the change in billing with Pepperell and miscellaneous is over \$47K and that is due to various connection fees. Expenses for Pepperell are \$26K below budget and expenses for meter are over, due to the extra meter changes this fiscal year. The free cash estimate is \$633K for FY24 and there was no budget transfer this FY.

Four Corners: Rates are \$44K over budget due to Shaw's and we did have a transfer of \$12K, but the increase in rates should cover that. The connection fees are over \$20k and overall income is \$63k due to Shaw's issues. Ms. Crory told the BOSC that we did pay off all the connection fees due with Ayer. The estimated free cash number is \$404K with \$148K reserved for the (7) years of payments we have left so that leaves \$256K free cash.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Next Meeting – August 2nd, 2023

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: No minutes approved

ADJOURN – Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 P.M. Mr. Bouchard seconded the motion. Virtual Roll Call Gmeiner –Aye Bouchard - Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant