



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

**Town of Groton Sewer Department**  
173 Main Street  
Groton MA 01450

**Date:** January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 2:00 PM

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

**Others Present:** Bob Rafferty/EP, Ben Mangan/EP, Ann Livezey/Assistant and Lauren Crory/Business Manager

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

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

Mr. Mangan gave an overview of the project and said they have based it on site improvements consisting of the flow meter and installing a new bypass for future bypassing that the station does not currently have. He said for the valve vault structure they would replace the piping, flow meter and the existing hatch. They are proposing the down-stream side of the vault would be the best place for the bypass and connect to the 8" force main with a T and a 3-way valve to control the direction of flow. The Bypass option is if you need to do work on the pumps or the pipe you could close that valve and pump from the wet well and connect the discharge to the quick connect fitting. Mr. Gmeiner said that the pump runs a hose down to the pit and Mr. Mangan said "yes". Mr. Mangan said they are proposing to replace the flow meter, replace the piping in the vault, and replacing the existing hatch with a slab mounted hatch that will be sealed to prevent rainwater infiltration from getting in.

Mr. Mangan said the front section of the fence needs replacing and also some access and grading improvements. He said they are proposing to put a pave driveway for easier access and they want to raise the grade, so it will all be at the same grade and slope the rainwater elsewhere. Mr. Gmeiner said when they service the pump station, they always park head first towards the small entrance way. Mr. Mangan said they would extend the driveway area for better access. Mr. Orcutt suggested paving the whole area and would make it easier for snow removal and not do gravel in between. He feels that doing that would be easier for snow removal and maintenance purposes. Mr. Orcutt suggested putting a gate at the entrance way, like a swing gate to avoid trespassing. Mr. Orcutt asked about the generator and Mr. Mangan said its in good shape and the only issue would be rodents. Mr. Gmeiner said some clearing has been done and hopefully that improves that. Mr. Gmeiner said he would suggest maybe adding some flood lights or lights that will illuminate that area and that would divert the rodents.

Mr. Gmeiner asked about the time line of an October start time and asked if we could move it up to summer time. In the summer the schools are not in session and flows would be less. Mr. Mangan said it should not be a big impact, once the temporary by pass is set up it should be ok. He also said the is a straight forward modification and will not require state approval, any permits will be done with the town. Mr. Gmeiner said he would look at conservation and see if we are within limits, he thinks we are 300 feet from Nod Brook. Mr. Gmeiner said we will get a hold of Pepperell and get their comments.

## **Review Sewer Commission Applicants**

No Update

## **6 Fairway Drive – Sewer Connection**

Mr. Gmeiner asked Ms. Livezey to reach out to Mr. Ursprung to get an update so the BOSC can submit a draft article.

## **797 Boston Road – Sewer Capacity**

Mr. Gmeiner asked Mr. Orcutt to send him a list of all the unbuilt pads in the Shaw's Plaza so we know what's left for capacity.

## **Discuss Regulations Regarding Change of Use**

No update

## **201 & 227 Boston Road**

Mr. Orcutt said we still need a room count for 227 Boston Road. Mr. Gmeiner asked Ms. Livezey to ask Mr. Lindemer to attend the next BOSC meeting to discuss.

## **Pepperell IMA**

No Update

## **Review I&I**

No Update

## **FY24 & FY25 Budget**

No Update

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

**Next Meeting** – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**BILLS SIGNED** – No bills signed

**MINUTES:** Mr. Orcutt made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as amended Mr. Gmeiner seconded. *Roll Call Gmeiner–Aye and Orcutt–Aye*

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant