



Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Eric Berg
Clerk/Thomas Orcutt

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: May 1st, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

Members Virtually Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Eric Berg
Clerk/Thomas Orcutt

Others Present: Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Ann Livezey/Assistant, Don Black and Judy Anderson

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

2 Wintergreen Abatement

Ms. Crory said there was a toilet leak and they usually average 19-units and in April they were billed for 65-units. She said they do have a Badger meter so she could see that the leak was gradually increasing overtime. She said the homeowner had a plumber come out and repair all the toilets and they did submit receipts for the repairs. She said the bill for 19 units is \$207.10 and if we bill the additional 46 units at the lowest tier it would be \$407.56 for a total of \$614.66, due. They were billed \$1,166.50 and if we minus the \$614.66 it would be an abatement of \$551.84. Mr. Berg asked if the homeowner had paid bill and Ms. Crory confirmed that they have not paid the bill yet.

*Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate the additional sewer units to Tier 1 and the abatement would be \$551.84
Mr. Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Orcutt – Aye, Berg-Aye and Gmeiner-Aye*

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation

No Update

Pepperell IMA

No Update

Review I&I

No Update

142B Main Street – Carriage House

No Update

218 Main Street – Addition

Mr. Black was in attendance on behalf of 218 Main Street. Mr. Gmeiner asked if there was new office space going in and Mr. Black said there is an office going in the new addition space. He said there is no office space now, they use the parlor as an office. Mr. Gmeiner said in looking at the plans he thought it was two new office spaces and Mr. Black said that the existing office will go back to being a parlor and the office will go in the new space. Mr. Gmeiner said there is a pastor office and administration space shown on the plans and Mr. Black said yes. Mr. Black said they share the same space now and Mr. Gmeiner asked what the parlor would be used for and Mr. Black said meetings. Mr. Orcutt said if the parlor is reverting to back to its original space, he sees is at one new office space.

Mr. Gmeiner asked for the sq. ft of the parlor because the connection fee is based on title V for office space and he thought it may be 600 sq. ft for new office space, but the regulations say they get a credit for the existing space. Mr. Gmeiner said a rough calculation would be about \$1K for a connection fee. Mr. Black said he will measure the existing parlor so they can get an accurate number.

Mr. Gmeiner said the current sewer line looks like it running through the elevator shaft. He asked how the flow would get over to the stub without too many twists and turns. Mr. Black said it looks like the sewer comes thru wall from corner of the telephone building on Hollis Street. He said the water meter is probably only 2 ft away from the sewer connection and feels it's closer than what the flagging shows.

201 & 227 Boston Road

Mr. Black said the grinder pump was on special order and should be making connection in 2-weeks. He has informed Pepperell and they will pressurize from the new connection at 227 Boston Road.

6 Fairway Drive – Sewer Connection

No Update

797 Boston Road – Sewer Connection

No update

FY24 & FY25 Budget

No discussion

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to appoint Mr. Gmeiner as the Chair of the Sewer Commission, Mr. Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Orcutt-Aye, Berg – Aye and Gmeiner – Aye

Mr. Berg asked if outside agencies are employed for inspections or is it based on the customer's word. Mr. Gmeiner said Pepperell maintains the system and does the inspections. Mr. Gmeiner said the current agreement with Pepperell

is based on the flows that come in. He said we do use an Engineering Firm Environmental Partners for the engineering and technical portion of work.

Next Meeting – May 15th, 2024

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: No minutes approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 2:35P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call Gmeiner–Aye and Orcutt-Aye, Berg - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant