



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: May 15th, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

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

Others Present: Don Black/Resident, Lauren Croy/Business Manager and Ann Livezey/Assistant

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

6 Fairway Drive – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner will present the article at Town Meeting and a neighbor will be attending to give a statement on their behalf.

797 Boston Road – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner will present the article at Town Meeting.

218 Main Street – Addition

Mr. Black told the BOSC he had the exact measurements of the current office space and it is 20 x 21. Mr. Gmeiner said he previously thought that it would calculate to 609 sq. ft. and 209 sq. ft. would be considered new space, which he confirmed that would be \$356.25 for the change of use fee.

Mr. Black said as far as the building permit they have not awarded the job to anyone yet and when they do the permit will be transferred to them. So, Mr. Black told the BOSC that they will pay the sewer fee at that time.

Mr. Orcutt asked about an email that was sent out for a sump pump for the elevator/basement. Mr. Black said they were going to have a 4-stop elevator, but due to the high-water table they have made it a 3-stop to avoid the basement. Mr. Gmeiner told Mr. Black for future reference that the regulations state that there will be no sump pump discharged to the town sewer.

142B Main Street – Carriage House

Mr. Gmeiner said he got an email regarding the Title V from the BOH and he will read through the email.

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that the space may need to be reassessed due to the recent regulation changes. Ms. Crory said she spoke to the owner and explained the situation and that we will be holding the check.

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation

Mr. Gmeiner said the upgrades for the pump station were approved at Town Meeting and the work is set to begin in the fall.

Pepperell IMA

No update

Review I&I

No update

201 & 227 Boston Road

Mr. Black said the grinder pump is in and they are just waiting for the plumber and then they will be contacting Pepperell for the pressurization test.

FY24 & FY25 Budget

Ms. Crory said the rates are on track to meet budget, but the construction side is still falling short. She said we did transfer funds to cover this and this was due to monies we thought we would be taking in on construction that we should see next fiscal year. Mr. Berg asked why the discrepancy in funds and Ms. Crory explained we were expecting more funds to come in this fiscal year from a property on Main Street and Ms. Crory explained that we set the budget in the fall for upcoming projects and that is what we forecasted.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Ms. Crory told the BOSC we have received an abatement request for 13 Pleasant Street. Ms. Crory said the usage was fluctuating around 200 gallons overnight on/off. She said according to the software the issue has been resolved and a normal bill for this property is 23-units per quarter and they were billed 77-units. She said if we bill the difference of 54 units at the lowest tier that would be \$759.74 minus what was billed \$1,427.16 the abatement would be \$667.42.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate \$667.42 for 13 Pleasant Street Mr. Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye, Orcutt-Aye and Berg-Aye.

Next Meeting – June 5th, 2024

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: Mr. Orcutt made a motion to accept the minutes of April 24th, 2024 and Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye and Orcutt-Aye

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to accept the minutes of May 1st and Mr. Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye, Orcutt-Aye and Berg-Aye

ADJOURN – *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 2:45P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call Gmeiner–Aye and Orcutt-Aye, Berg - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant