



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: June 26th, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

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

Others Present: Ann Livezey/Assistant

The Virtual Meeting was called to order by Mr. Orcutt at 2:00 PM

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation

Mr. Gmeiner said the bid opening is taking place on June 27th, 2024. He said there was a site visit that was unsuccessful in attracting bidders. Mr. Berg suggested maybe we reach out to potential bidders before the process and gauge their intentions and to avoid high costs if few bids are received.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner said he will review the attorney revisions and will respond.

Review I&I

No update

142 B Main Street – Carriage House

No update and Mr. Gmeiner asked that it be removed from the agenda for the time being.

218 Main Street – Addition

No update

201 & 227 Boston Road

No update

6 Fairway Drive – Sewer Connection

Ms. Livezey told the BOSC that the application fee and inspection fee has been paid. Mr. Gmeiner mentioned that the connection fee of \$7,500.00 is still due.

797 Boston Road – Sewer Connection

Mr. Gmeiner said that this project has been approved by the Planning Board.

FY24 & FY25 Budget

Ms. Livezey told the BOSC that Ms. Crory requested that the following transfers be made.

- Transfer \$750 from center sewer general expenses to salaries
- Transfer \$5,000 from center sewer general expenses to wages
- Transfer \$250 from four corners general expenses to salaries
- Transfer \$550 from four corners general expenses to wages
- Approve using \$703 of remaining general budget debt funds to pay \$365.42 shortage of Old Ayer Rd Betterments debt in the FY24 Budget

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to approve the transfers and Mr. Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye, Orcutt-Aye and Berg-Aye.

Mr. Gmeiner said he would review the Old Ayer Road financials; he said the confusion arose when some paid off their debts early which resulted in the town being short on interest. Mr. Gmeiner explained the concept of assessments and betterments, where people pay interest on a schedule of debt payments and have the option to pay it off immediately or over a period of 20-years. Mr. Berg clarified that the interest rate was more than the actual bonding interest rate.

The BOSC will continue discussing the end of the year budget at the next meeting when Ms. Crory is present. Mr. Gmeiner also mentioned we may need to make a line-item transfer for the for next year's budget for the treatment, which may have been underestimated.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Gmeiner said two building permits requests were submitted one for Olivia Way where a basement was being built and there was concerns about for the grinder pump and ejector pumps would be connected to the water/sewer pipes. Pepperell was reviewing, but has not signed off on it yet and it seems there was outstanding fees on the water/sewer. The second issue was Blacksmith Row condominiums, where a preliminary inquiry was made about outfitting the basement for a business. Mr. Gmeiner said they have not been billed for capacity in the past and under the new regulations they would be required to pay the minimum fee of \$7,500.00.

Next Meeting – June 5th, 2024

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: Mr. Orcutt made a motion to accept the minutes of June 5th, 2024 and Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye, Orcutt-Aye and Berg - Aye

ADJOURN – *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 2:30P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call Gmeiner–Aye and Orcutt-Aye, Berg - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant