



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

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: September 25th, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

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

Others Present: Judy Anderson, Lauren Croy/Business Manager and Ann Livezey/Assistant

The Virtual Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 1:00 PM

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow Evaluation

Mr. Gmeiner said the project has begun.

29 West Street - Abatement

Ms. Croy told the BOSC that the issue at 29 West Street was a leaking hot water tank and an issue with the upstairs shower. The customer hired a plumber and all the necessary repairs have been made and receipts have been submitted. The customer was billed for 132-units and on average they are billed 16-units a qtr. The BOSC discussed that it is difficult to determine what actually went down the drain in this situation and Mr. Orcutt said there is a discharge pipe at the rear of the building. Mr. Berg feels that the majority of the increase was due to the leaking hot water tank and that would mean the water did not go down the drain.

Mr. Gmeiner suggested billing (132 units) at the lowest tier and abate 25% for the leaky shower & toilet. Mr. Berg suggested just abating 50% of the lowest tier, which was calculated at \$1,169.52. The BOSC was in agreement to reduce to the lowest tier at \$1,169.52 and abate 50% of that for the amount to be billed \$584.50.

Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate \$2,086.76 off the current sewer bill for the toilet leak, shower leak and the hot water tank issue Mr. Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Orcutt-Aye.

97 Hollis Street Unit #3 - Abatement

Ms. Croy told the BOSC that the tenant returned from vacation and had no water. The landlord discovered the basement had flooded and the hot water tank had let go. The tenant was billed for 45-units instead of her usual 2-7 units per qtr. The necessary repairs have been made and receipts have been submitted.

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Mr. Orcutt made a motion to abate \$679.64 off the current sewer bill for the hot water tank leak Mr. Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Orcutt-Aye.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner said that most of the changes have been accepted, but some have not and he will review. Mr. Gmeiner said he will send Mr. Berg a final draft to review.

Review I&I

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that they are still working on this.

FY24 & FY25 Budget

Ms. Crory said the free cash number for the Center Sewer is \$406,882 after taking into consideration the \$250K for the Nod Road Pump Station project and Four Corners free cash number came in at \$437K. She told the BOSC she has not received true up number from Pepperell and will reach out to Mr. Brinkman.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Orcutt wanted to make a note for the spring town meeting that we modify the Four Corners sewer district to take out the parcel behind Dunkin Donuts.

Next Meeting – October 9th, 2024

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: No Minutes were approved

ADJOURN – *Mr. Orcutt made a motion to adjourn at 1:30P.M. Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call Gmeiner–Aye, Orcutt-Aye, Berg - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant