

Groton Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Sewer Commissioners
Tuesday, December 4th, 2024
Virtual Meeting using Zoom

Minutes

Present are Chairman James Gmeiner, Vice Chairman Eric Berg, Business Manager Lauren Crory, and Resident Judy Anderson.

Mr. Gmeiner called the meeting to order at 2:04pm. He stated that we are being recorded and everyone introduced themselves.

227 Boston Road

Mr. Gmeiner sent a letter to the property owner stating the property is in the Center Sewer District and as such sewer availability is the same as all other parcels located in the District. It is dependent upon the proposed use and whether there was sufficient capacity available in the District at that time. Also, all fees and costs in force at that time would need to be paid. Mr. Berg asked how to determine if there is adequate capacity available. Mr. Gmeiner said we can send up to 275,00 gallons per day to Pepperell and currently send about 150,000 gallons per day so there is technically room. Capacity is based on double Title V values so the actuals tend to be less. Locating inflow and infiltration and repairing will also help to determine a true capacity number.

Review Nod Road Pump Station and Flow evaluation

Mr. Gmeiner said the pump station shut off and valve replacement went smoothly.

Pepperell IMA

Mr. Gmeiner said that Pepperell still has the latest draft and he has sent one reminder but will wait for them to respond.

Four Corners Sewer District Parcels

Mr. Gmeiner will work on this.

Review I&I

No updates.

FY24, FY25 & FY26 Budget

Mr. Gmeiner explained that the town agreed to pay for half of the Pepperell upgrade debt when it was decided to purchase more capacity. The increased capacity helped make many town projects and businesses possible. The Town Manager said once this Phase I upgrade debt was paid off, they would continue to split the Phase II upgrade debt. The FY26 Budget was prepared to reflect this but the Town Manager has vocalized that he may not be able pay their share any longer. This will be discussed at the budget meeting next week.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6th and Mr. Berg seconded.

Next Meeting December 18th, 2024.

Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn at 2:22pm, Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Crory