



Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Eric Berg

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: May 21, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Members Virtually Present: Chair/James Gmeiner
Vice Chair/Eric Berg

Others Present: Lauren Crory/Business Manager and Ann Livezey/Assistant

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

Betterment Contribution

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that Mr. Ursprung checked with the neighbors and none of them have a written agreement. Mr. Gmeiner recalls discussing this at several meetings but it does not appear that we did an actual written agreement.

Discuss Rate Hearing Points

Ms. Crory said she will run the increase at the percents requested and have ready for the rate hearing. She will also do a forecast of the budget so we can see if there are any gaps we need to fill. Ms. Crory said she spoke to Mr. Brinkman and he said the monthly fee of \$50,000.00 should be ok for next year.

FY25 & FY26 Budget

Will discuss at a later date.

Sewer Abatement Request – 154 Main Street

Ms. Crory said we received an abatement request form 154 Main Street for an air handler leak and they were billed for (95 units) and usually average (10 Units). She said the homeowners did not give a lot of detail, but she did speak with Mr. Platt who takes care of the property and he explained how it happened and he repaired it. She said she has checked the usage and it has returned to normal.

Ms. Crory said they did send a video, but you cannot see much other than the air handler leaking a lot of water. Mr. Berg said it looked like a cement floor and asked if there was a drain in the floor. Mr. Gmeiner asked Ms. Crory to find out if there is a drain in the floor and also asked to get more pictures to get a better understanding.

The BOSC decided to continue discussing at the next meeting when they get more information before approving an abatement.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that last week Mass DOT had a contractor doing drain catch basin work and they hit the sewer line for the property at 391 Main Street, which is a Duplex. They capped the sewer drain and moved on and the sewer backed up in the homeowner's basement. The question is if the Dig Safe was marked out correctly, Pepperell received a request for a Dig Safe to mark out 399 Main Street and the work being done was actually at 391 Main Street. Mr. Berg said that either they requested the wrong address to be marked out or they dug in the wrong place and asked why they would just cap the sewer drain and leave. Mr. Gmeiner said Pepperell asked the same question and that is not normal practice.

Ms. Crory said there was a walk-in request for information on that property.

Next Meeting – June 4th, 2025

BILLS SIGNED – No bills signed

MINUTES: *Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the minutes of May 7th, 2025 as written Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye and, Berg - Aye*

ADJOURN – *Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn at 2:27 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye and, Berg - Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant