



Commissioners:
James Gmeiner/Chair
Eric A. Berg/Vice Chair
Darius A. Budrys/Clerk

Town of Groton Sewer Department

173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: December 17th, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Members Virtually Present: James Gmeiner/Chair
Eric Berg/Vice Chair
Darius Budrys/Clerk

Others Virtually Present: Paul Brinkman/Pepperell DPW, Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Ann Livezey/Assistant and Judy Anderson/Resident

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

523 D Main Street – Abatement

The BOSC discussed a previous water abatement where an owner noticed unusual water usage over two quarters, tracing it to a running toilet fixed by the tenant. Ms. Crory confirmed that the smart meter is working and there are no leaks.

Mr. Berg made a motion to accept a one-time abatement in the amount of \$561.19 and. Mr. Budrys seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Budrys-Aye

Mr. Gmeiner made an amended motion to grant a one-time abatement in the amount of \$561.19 and. Mr. Budrys seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Budrys-Aye

185 Hollis Street – Abatement

Mr. Spallone contacted the office regarding a high quarterly bill and he was unaware of a toilet leak. He has resolved the issue and has been signed up for leak alerts and the usage has returned to normal. Ms. Crory said his average quarterly bill is 4-units and he was billed for 46-units last quarter. The abatement amount would be \$332.20 and the BOSC was in agreement to accept this one-time abatement.

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve a one-time abatement in the amount of \$332.20 and. Mr. Budrys seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Budrys-Aye

Dig Safe Membership

The BOSC has decided to set up a separate Dig Safe account for the Sewer District and Mr. Brinkman said he would help with the mapping services. Ms. Livezey will contact Mr. Finelli at Dig Safe regarding the new account set up.

Pepperell

Mr. Brinkman gave a brief update on the manhole work and the high school alarm installation. Mr. Brinkman said he has found a contractor to do the manhole work on a time and material basis and he mentioned that a cellular device would be installed at the high school to replace the landline to provide alarm notifications.

Mr. Brinkman told the BOSC that the state testing at 164 Boston Road confirmed that sewerage from the establishment was entering the stormwater drain. Mr. Brinkman said he has been working with the owner to make sure this fix is done right, but they cannot replicate the dye entering the system. So, at this time he feels there is no concern.

FY26 & FY27 Budget

Ms. Crory said she reviewed the calculations for the GDRHS and they did underpay in FY24, this was discovered in FY25 because of the delay in the true up. Mr. Gmeiner said when we started looking into it, we learned it was much larger than we originally thought. We owed them money and this was going to be a minor adjustment and help reduce what we owed them and now it seems to have been flipped. So, when we decided to look into it further and examine the prior year the numbers came back higher than anticipated and they owe us money now.

Mr. Berg asked if now moving forward we would be expecting the information sooner to avoid this in the future. Ms. Crory replied “yes” and Mr. Geminer asked that a letter be drafted with an explanation of the adjustment.

Mr. Berg made a motion to accept the letter and the change in billing for the GDRHS with the amendments we discussed, Mr. Budrys seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Budrys-Aye

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Next Meeting – January 7th, 2025

BILLS SIGNED: No bills signed

MINUTES: *Mr. Budrys made a motion to approve the minutes of December 3rd, 2025 as amended Mr. Berg Seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Budrys-Aye*

ADJOURN: *Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn at 2:48 PM. Mr. Budrys seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Budrys-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant