



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: February 17th, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

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

Others Virtually Present: Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Ann Livezey/Assistant, Greg Ganley/Resident, and Steve Tully/Tully Farms

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

30 B Hollis Street - Change of Use

Mr. Tully told the BOSC he is looking to open an ice cream scoop shop serving local homemade ice cream from Tully Farms in Dunstable MA. He said there will be limited grab and go items for purchase such as milk and ice cream. He said this will be a turn key operation because the existing space was used for similar operation with seating for eight and he would not be adding or changing much as far as seating etc. and would be retaining the previous tenant's equipment.

The BOSC was in agreement that there would be no significant change requiring a change of use fee.

Mr. Budrys made a motion that there would be no change of use fee for the new Ice Cream Shop at 30B Hollis Street Mr. Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye, Berg-Aye and Budrys-Aye

Pacer Lane Connection

Mr. Ganley presented a proposal to build a house on his property in Groton at 434 Old Ayer Road which is at the corner of Pacer Lane and connect to the Ayer sewer. The sewer commission discussed concerns about water source and potential impact on the Four Corners sewer system's allocated capacity. They advised Mr. Ganley to contact the Ayer Town Manager to discuss an intermunicipal agreement, and requested a statement from Ayer confirming they would not apply the new capacity to the Four Corners allocation. Mr. Gmeiner said he would also prepare a memo summarizing the meeting for Mr. Haddad.

GDRHS Flows

Mr. Brinkman has reviewed the GDRHS flows and stated that they are within normal ranges.

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Mr. Brinkman said he has coordinated with a manhole rehab contractor and will coordinate a site visit or a quote to begin the rehab work in the spring. He also mentioned that they are hoping to complete the Dig Safe process in the next week or so. Mr. Brinkman asked about the old Nebs property and where that stands and Mr. Gmeiner said it is moving forward. He said there was some plan modifications that went through the Planning Board. Mr. Gmeiner said once it starts, he will let Mr. Brinkman know because there will be some inspectional stuff going on and suggested he monitor the time spent to determine if separate billing would be warranted. Mr. Brinkman said he has drafted his budget and its similar to last year, so no big changes.

Office Updates

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that he ran the proposal by the Water Department that they should be picking up 1/3 of the Sewer Assistant compensation and they seemed to be in agreement. He said his only concern is maybe we phase into it only because Water is facing some budget constraints. Ms. Crory will be crunching some numbers for the Water Department for review

FY26 & FY27 Budget

Ms. Crory will start preparing the draft budget and present at the meeting on March 25th, 2026.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Next Meeting – March 11th, 2026

BILLS SIGNED: No bills signed

MINUTES: Mr. Gmeiner made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4th, 2026 as written and Mr. Budrys Seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye, Budrys-Aye and Berg-abstained

ADJOURN: Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 PM. Mr. Budrys seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye, Berg – Aye and Budrys-Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant