



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:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
**Time:** 3:00 PM

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

**Others Virtually Present:** Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Paul Brinkman/Pepperell DPW

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The Virtual Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 3:04 PM

**Holliston Sewer Commission Request**

Mr. Gmeiner will provide them with some information regarding our sewer system and grinder pumps but is not sure he will need to get too involved as he has not heard from them since his last correspondence.

**Grinder Pumps**

Mr. Gmeiner discussed the challenges of grinder pumps, especially the reliance of electricity and the need to proper maintenance. Many of Groton's grinder pumps have changed ownership over the years and Mr. Gmeiner thinks it would be wise to create an updated inventory and send a mailer to the new owners regarding their responsibilities during power outages as well as regular maintenance. Mr. Brinkman agreed this would be beneficial and can help put something together to mail out.

Mr. Brinkman said they should have alarms that go off when full.

**GDRHS Flows**

Mr. Brinkman said the Nod Rd flows in March were at 27.6%.

**Pepperell**

Mr. Brinkman said the I&I team is still finalizing details. They have talked about the possibility of installing water tight seals on some of the manholes, especially near the rail trail. Mr. Brinkman said that he has completed the FY27 Budget which is only about a 1% increase from FY26. Mrs. Crory asked Mr. Brinkman to send the annual debt invoice.

Mr. Gmeiner will follow up with Mrs. Livezey to check on any existing maintenance agreements or invoices for the generator at the pump station.

**FY26 & FY27 Budget**

Mrs. Crory reviewed the current Center Sewer budget which will exceed the income budget and have remaining funds in the expense budget. She expects the FY27 Enterprise Fund balance to be around \$685,000. She reviewed the Four Corners Budget which appears short due to a large project falling through. However, the rest of the budget is in good standing. There may be a shortage on rate income due to timing of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter bills but there were funds transferred in the fall to cover any discrepancies.

**Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.**

Mrs. Crory presented an abatement request from DeCoteau Orthodontics who received a large quarterly bill and discovered a toilet leak issue. Mrs. Crory confirmed that the majority of the leak has gone away (there is still a very small one they are looking for). They are also signed up for leak alerts moving forward. The commission agreed to reduce the excess usage to the lowest tier.

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the abatement of \$198.99, Mr. Budrys seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting** – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**BILLS SIGNED:**

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Budrys made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as written Mr. Berg Seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye, Berg–Aye and Budrys-Aye*

**ADJOURN:** *Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye, Berg – Aye and Budrys-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Crory  
Business Manager