



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:** April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Time:** 2:00 PM

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

**Others Virtually Present:** Lauren Crory/Business Manager, Ann Livezey/Assistant, Michelle Collette/GHS, Richard Chilcoat/GHS, Paul Brinkman/Pepperell DPW and Judy Anderson

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

### **Groton Historical Society**

Ms. Crory told the BOSOC that we have been collecting more data since the meter has been installed and its showing unusual usage. There seems to be a burst of water being used in the overnight hours and then again around 5PM-6PM. Mr. Chilcoat said he has been shutting things down for a process of elimination to determine where the usage is coming from. Mr. Berg asked about the heat source being used and could it be water heater cycle or boiler operation. Mr. Chilcoat said there is a tenant and she has been away, but will return soon and he is hoping to continue investigating. Mr. Brinkman offered to visit and assess the plumbing and help identify the source of the problem. Mr. Gmeiner suggested that we continue investigating the issue and we can offer a potential reduction by billing the usage at the lowest tier.

### **Grinder Pumps**

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSOC that a list of customers who have grinder pumps has been made and he will continue to work with Ms. Livezey on drafting an informational sheet for these owners.

### **797 Boston Road**

The BOSOC discussed the potential of a 16-bed assisted living facility proposed for 797 Boston Road, which had previously been approved for age-restricted housing with low-income requirements. Mr. Brinkman recommended installing an external grease trap for the facility, explaining it would provide better protection for the sewer system than an internal trap. Mr. Brinkman also noted that the facility would likely need to install a pump and undergo excavation work, making it a good time to implement the external grease trap.

## **GDRHS Flows**

Mr. Brinkman will continue to monitor the flow and he did tell the BOSC that they have had some pump issues and will continue to monitor those.

## **Pepperell**

Mr. Brinkman said they are signing the manhole contract in the next month or so. He said they are still working on the Verizon phone line issue and they have a few options in mind. Mr. Brinkman said the mapping for Dig Safe has not been done yet and he is not sure about the subcontractor they hired to do the mark outs.

## **FY26 & FY27 Budget**

Ms. Crory said she the budget looks good and will review and have a more detailed update for the next meeting.

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

**Next Meeting** – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**BILLS SIGNED:** No bills signed

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Berg made a motion to accept the minutes of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Mr. Budrys seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye, Berg – Aye and Budrys-Aye*

**ADJOURN:** *Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye, Berg – Aye and Budrys-Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey  
Water & Sewer Assistant