



Commissioners:
James Gmeiner/Chair
Eric A. Berg/Vice Chair

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: June 24, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

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

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

The Virtual Meeting was called to order by James Gmeiner at 1:00 PM

Grinder Pumps

Mr. Berg shared a letter he drafted regarding grinder pumps. Mr. Brinkman provided some information on current grinder pump installations noting that some properties use duplex systems and generators. He said he is not aware of any battery back ups or solar powered systems being used in the area. The BOSC will review the draft document and discuss at the next meeting.

Pepperell

Mr. Gmeiner and Mr. Brinkman discussed the road work progress, focusing on areas like Broadmeadow and Partridgeberry Woods where overlay work was being conducted. Mr. Brinkman reported on I&I manhole work, explaining that previous issues were due to equipment and crew mismatches, with plans to reschedule completion of two manholes including a critical one. Regarding Dig Safe services, Mr. Brinkman indicated ongoing communication difficulties and complaints from excavators about incomplete markings, leading him to consider reverting back to the previous system until a more dedicated alternative can be found.

The BOSC discussed updates on the high school pump station monitoring system. Mr. Brinkman confirmed that a cellular alarm system is now in place and successfully triggered an alarm when both pumps clogged overnight. The Partridge Berry and Nod Road locations have been converted to cable, with the SCADA company scheduled to complete the integration of these systems soon. The BOSC also briefly discussed an upcoming emergency room/doctor's office project, noting it would likely have minimal impact on overall flow.

FY26 & FY27 Budget

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Ms. Crory said there is no financial changes since the last discussion. She did mention we need to do a few transfers for wages and betterment debt in Center Sewer District and one small one for Four Corners Sewer District wages.

Mr. Berg made a motion to transfer \$5,000.00 from general expenses to Old Ayer Road betterment debt for Center Sewer District Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye and Berg-Aye

Mr. Berg made a motion to transfer \$4,000.00 from general expenses to wages for the Center Sewer District Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye and Berg-Aye

Mr. Berg made a motion to transfer \$500.00 from general expenses to wages for the Four Corners Sewer District Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gmeiner-Aye and Berg-Aye

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Next Meeting – July 8th, 2026

BILLS SIGNED: No bills signed

MINUTES: *Mr. Berg made a motion to accept the minutes of May 27th, 2026 Mr. Gmeiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye and Berg – Aye*

ADJOURN: *Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn at 1:42 PM. Mr. Gmeiner seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye and Berg – Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant