



Commissioners:
James Gmeiner/Chair
Eric Berg/Vice Chair
Bruce Easom/Clerk

Town of Groton Sewer Department
173 Main Street
Groton MA 01450

Date: September 30th, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM

Members Virtually Present: James Gmeiner/Chair
Eric Berg/Vice Chair
Bruce Easom/Clerk

Others Virtually Present: Lauren Crory/Business Manager and Ann Livezey/Assistant

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

100 Boston Road – Units A & C

The BOSC decided on the information given that there would be no significant change of use triggered at this time, but will continue to monitor the actual flows for one year.

Weston & Sampson Contract

The BOSC was in agreement to move forward with the Weston & Sampson Contract and Mr. Gmeiner said he will forward to Mr. Haddad for a signature today, to avoid changing the date of the contract.

Pepperell

Mr. Brinkman told the BOSC that after reviewing the numbers for the true up he reported there would be a credit of \$60K. He said there are two options for handling the credit, he could reduce the monthly payments of the nine remaining payments or use the credit to fund upcoming equipment replacement costs at the Pepperell Treatment Plant.

Mr. Gmeiner said he would prefer a credit and at budget time we can explain we have upcoming expenses with the Pepperell plant. Mr. Brinkman said when he is comfortable with the spreadsheets and numbers, he will send it over for Ms. Crory to review.

Mr. Berg asked Mr. Brinkman about the September flows and said he thought the 12th & 13th looked like a pretty high inflow. Mr. Berg said according to the data it seems like a 20% pop in the data that looked like rain induced infiltration rather than actual inflow. Mr. Brinkman suggested purchasing his own flow meters to better

track and isolate these flow variations. He said that the specific pattern of increase needed further investigations to determine if it is a systematic issue or localized problem.

FY26 & FY27 Budget

Ms. Crory will carry forward the current numbers discussed for the draft budget and note the upcoming project costs for the Pepperell Treatment Plant.

Other Business: Bills, Minutes, etc.

Mr. Gmeiner told the BOSC that there have been discussions of installing a service window for public access for the Water/Sewer Department Office. This cost would be split with the Water Department and the Sewer portion would be \$3,000.00.

Mr. Berg made a motion to accept the proposal to cover 1/3 of the cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the new office window, Mr. Easom seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner – Aye, Berg-Aye and Easom – Aye.

Next Meeting – October 7th, 2026

BILLS SIGNED: No bills signed

MINUTES: *Mr. Berg made a motion to accept the minutes of September 16th, 2026 Mr. Easom seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye, Berg-Aye and Easom– Aye*

ADJOURN: *Mr. Berg made a motion to adjourn at 2:55 PM. Mr. Easom seconded. Roll Call: Gmeiner–Aye, Berg-Aye and Easom – Aye*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Livezey
Water & Sewer Assistant