



PSC MEETING MINUTES OF May 2, 2018

Public Informational Meeting – Fiscal Sustainability Plan and Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Presentation

In attendance: John Struzziery
Phil Lemnios

Commissioners: Rick Mattila
Richard Booth
Lou Collins

Financial Assistant: Carol O'Connor

Woodard and Curran: Rosemary Blacquier
Jason Kreil

Members of the Public: Polly Rowe
Alana Swiec
Randall Gould

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm by Rick Mattila

Phil Lemnios, Town Manager opened the meeting, and introduced the presenters, the Commissioners, and the Sewer Staff.

Phil turned the meeting over to John Struzziery. John started with an overview of the presentation and what would be discussed during the meeting. John reviewed the historic sewer rates and how Hull compares to other communities, the prior work that had been done and the plant failure. Rosemary then presented the portion of the informational meeting focusing on the Fiscal Sustainability Plan work and the results of that work. This plan involved reviewing the current state of the assets of the plant and collection system and determining the capital needs to maintain efficient and reliable operations and create a long-term funding plan. It was noted that this plan is available on the Town's Sewer Department Web Site.

John then reviewed the projects that the proposed Town Meeting Article 20 would cover. Article 20 would provide for a total of \$17 million of debt service and due to the various funding sources the Article is broken down into 5 separate votes, A through E. Article 20A would be used for Interceptor, improvements in the Atlantic Ave/Gunrock area, work on two of the Force Mains, repairs and replacements of Critical Equipment. Article 20B would provide funding for an assessment of the piping and the outfall pipe. Article 20C would provide funding for a Facility and Resiliency Plan. Article 20D would provide funding for the engineering and construction of treatment process upgrades, HVAC and Electrical Replacements, Concrete Renewal, Roof Repairs, Sludge Piping and Aeration Tank Repairs. Article 20E would provide funding for Reliability Centered Maintenance plan. John explained that these items are needed due to regulatory compliance, to ensure public health, water quality impacts and ensure the long-term sustainability of the wastewater system. The annual impact on the average user utilizing 70 units per year would be \$250.00

Comments and Question Raised by the public included:

1. Are the items on Article 20-Year One FSP and CMOM just for this year? *No, they are the Year One upgrades in the FSP. Next milestone are Year Five.*
2. Is the WWTF protected from storms and sea change? *Taking measures now and in the future to ensure this.*
3. Reported that the Town spent \$6.9M from the failure of 2013-has the Town made a change in operational staff or is the same company still there? *Staff was changed to Woodard & Curran.*
4. Are the current costs for Hingham and Cohasset included in the rates? *Hingham and Cohasset have current Intermunicipal Agreements and pay Hull for costs associated with treatment and discharge of effluent per such.*
5. Do we need to approve the five articles within Article 20? *Yes, each sub-article addresses specific issues. Together, they address the major items from the FSP and CMOM for Year 1.*
6. Will there be any impacts during construction? *Locally specific with the interceptor, pump stations etc. A traffic plan will be developed prior to any construction.*
7. Could Hull accept leachate from outside and raise revenue? *Yes, but would only be applicable to close communities as there are other facilities within range of most others.*
8. Did ocean water infiltrate the WWTF over the last storm? *No, work has protected this from happening for the most part. The seawall was rebuilt and strengthened and a protective flood gate was installed at WWTF. Additional planning proposed will prevent this from happening in the future.*
9. Doesn't the town have a Rainy Day Account to pay for breakdowns and things wearing out? *The Sewer Department Enterprise Fund (budget) has a line item for everyday maintenance that takes care of small repairs. Larger, capital repairs, upgrades are what the ATM Article 20 addresses.*
10. We hope that you will do the PowerPoint at ATM so all understand the importance of passing all five sub-articles. *Yes, a presentation will be made.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm