

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: May 7, 2015
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by member James Giberti at 7:30 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Each member introduced themselves

Sewer Commissioners Present: Malcolm R. White
James R. Giberti
Donna M. Bronk
Marilyn J. Jordan
Susan J. Sweeney

Others present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Organization of Board

The Board to consist of a chairman, vice-chairman and clerk

Commissioner Bronk nominated Marilyn Jordan as Chairman. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-2 (Commissioners Giberti and White abstained)

Commissioner White nominated James Giberti as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 2-0-3 (Commissioners Jordan, Sweeney and Bronk abstained)

Chairman Jordan nominated Donna Bronk. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-2 (Commissioners Giberti and White abstained)

Commissioner Bronk nominated Susan Sweeney as Clerk. Chairman Jordan seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) none

5. ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES

Clerk Sweeney presented a brief oral report of the May 2, 2015 tour meeting. The minutes to be prepared for approval.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Odor problems.

Mr. Campinha edified the Board of the cause of the problem and what is being done to mitigate the issue. (Summary of cause: the harsh winter conditions froze the waste water in the New Influent Equalization basins causing unfavorable conditions for the normal bacteria to do its job of decomposing waste. Mitigation involves biological and chemical interventions to stabilize problem in EQ basin so they can be pumped out. Also odor control measures are being installed.)

2. Meeting on May 18, 2015 with Tom Cahir of the Dept. of Transportation in Boston at 10 a.m. to discuss the possibility of using land along the railway to move the Plant's outflow pipe from the Wareham River to the Cape Cod Canal. This move would benefit the plant by allowing for greater inflow, which would help in a number of ways as 1.) the plant is approaching the maximum output into the Wareham River 2.) to provide more time to find solutions the the problem of infiltration 3.) to allow for discussion of becoming a regionalized plant. Sewer Commissioners Giberti and Bronk will attend the meeting.

3. Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Campinha recommended that the Board schedule GHD to make a presentation to the Board at the May 14, 2015 meeting. Mr. Campinha advised the Board of the daily operation regarding pump stations. Commissioners will take a tour of the pump stations on May 16, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Brief discussion regarding the Tighe & Bond draft report which will be presented at a future meeting.

Commissioner Bronk suggested that Mr. Campinha be a member of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Mr. Campinha will check with the Ethics Commission if there would be a conflict for him to become a member of the Coalition.

4. Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Grant

Mr. Campinha briefly explained the grant and recommended a preliminary presentation be made before the Board on June 4, 2015 and a final presentation on July 16, 2015. The first phase of this grant provides fund for a study to develop an Emergency plan for a surge from a coastal storm. The study evaluates current pumping equipment for the capacity to properly function during such a crisis. There is the possibility to apply for second phase funds to repair or replace equipment recommended by the study.

5. Demand Response Proposal

Mr. Campinha recommended that a presentation be made before the Board on May 21, 2015.

6. Signing of Department bills

The Board authorized Commissioner James Giberti to sign the bills for the Board and Commissioner Sweeney as alternate.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

8. ANY OTHER SEWER BUSINESS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bronk seconded.


VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Department Assistant

Attest:



Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk

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Date Signed:

5/14/15

Date sent to the Town Clerk:

5/18/15