

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: May 21, 2015
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan at 6:30 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Sewer Commissioners Present: Marilyn J. Jordan
Donna M. Bronk
Susan J. Sweeney
James R. Giberti
Malcolm R. White
Others present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

(none) Chairman Jordan stated that the meeting on May 16, 2015 was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum and there will not be any minutes.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

5. SEWER BUSINESS

a) Presentation on Demand Response Proposal by CPower
Present: Chris Landers

Mr. Landers briefly informed the Board of the programs which help with grid stability and about the CPower company which focuses mainly on commercial, industrial and municipal customers. The presentation for demand response is where the utility company pays customers to turn off power from the grid during a time of high power demands on the grid such as brown outs and turn on their emergency generators to help relieve some of that stress. Presentation continued.

Commissioner Bronk asked what percentage would be CPower's. Mr. Landers stated that 60% Town and 40% CPower. Any costs for the Town would be deducted from the Town's percentage. There would not be any out-of-pocket expense by the Town. The term of the contract with CPower will be from May 21, 2015 through May 21, 2019.

Discussion ensued. Draft contract to be sent to Mr. Campinha which will be sent to Town Counsel for review.

b) Town of Bourne Usage Fee 4th Quarter Billing

Mr. Campinha briefly explained about the billing process to the Town of Bourne.

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to send the 4th quarter Usage Bill to the Town of Bourne. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Sewer Betterment Waiver

Mr. Campinha received the request from the Town Treasurer/Collector for the Chairman to sign a Sewer Betterment Waiver of Service on property being foreclosed upon. Discussion ensued over "Waiver of Service". Does it mean waving the remaining betterment fee owed to Sewer Enterprise fund on foreclosed property? Does it mean the Sewer Enterprise waiving the right to be served by the Town?

MOTION: Commissioner Sweeney moved for the Chairman to check with Town Counsel for clarification. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

2. Denitrification Data update

Mr. Campinha reported that inflow at 9ppm and an outflow at 4ppm indicates that the sand filters are now functioning better after the basin's raw sewerage was put into the plant.

3. Odor

Mr. Campinha reported that the front basin is empty and being bleached. Deodorizing misters will be added to west side of both EQ basins as a preemptive measure for possible future odors.

4. Tighe & Bond

The report from GHD has been received by Tighe and Bond. Tighe & Bond will make a presentation for May 28, 2015.

5. GIS

Mr. Campinha informed that the Board can go online and see all the WPCF infrastructures including locations of the 3000 manholes.

6. F.O.G. invitation to food service/restaurants

Mr. Campinha stated that in order to reduce the cost of duplicate mailing, asked the Board to pick a date and time for the informational meeting with food service establishments on sewer as well as the restaurants on septic for educational purposes. The Board selected Monday, September 21, 2015 at 2:30 pm at the Rosebrook Event Center. The outgoing letter to request a RSVP. It was suggested that the meeting be taped. Mr. Campinha to inquire about the taping with Mr. White of WCTV.

7. Coastal Zone Management (CZM)

Mr. Campinha reminded the Board of the 1st round report at the June 4th meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL

a) Report of May 18, 2015 meeting

Commissioners Bronk and Giberti reported on a meeting they attended in Boston with Mr. Campinha, Thomas Cahir, head of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority and a number of Engineering firms. The meeting was to determine the possibility of using the Railway bed as an option for expanding the Wareham Water Treatment plants outflow pipe down to Buzzard's Bay for discharge. The BOSC representatives stated that the Railroad officials are very supportive this idea. The Railroad and engineering firms could provide any surveys or data to help Wareham move forward. In fact, the officials suggested that the plan be accelerated due to the possible availability of grant funds because regionalization of the plant could happen if outflow is increased. Many towns have expressed interest in joining Wareham in this plan. Brief discussion ensued.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Jordan announced that the meetings are televised live on Channel 95 (Comcast) and Channel 29 (Verizon) at 6:30 pm on Thursday as well as replays on Saturdays (11 a.m.) and Mondays (7 p.m.)
2. The email address for the Board is sewercommissioners@wareham.ma.us.
3. Agenda items for next meeting need to be sent by Tuesday for the next meeting.
4. Copies of abatement applications will be sent to each Board member via email by May 26th the latest.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

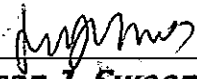
The next meeting scheduled for May 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm - Tighe & Bond presentation and abatement applications.

Citizens Participation to be removed for the May 28th meeting due to abatement process and possible long presentation from Tighe & Bond.

10. 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
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 6/11/15
Date sent to the Town Clerk: 6/16/15

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