

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: May 28, 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)

4. SEWER BUSINESS

a) Abatements

1. Application of Diana S. McKenzie for 70 Avenue A.

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of his recommendation to deny the abatement based upon the policy regarding the water being turned off less than 1 year.

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to not grant the abatement. Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

2. Application of Jeffrey & Kerri Boardman for 61 East Blvd.

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of his recommendation to grant the abatement for FY 2015 1st half and 2nd half of the sewer usage billing based upon the policy of water being shut off since January 14, 2011. Once abated, the account will be placed on hold for future billing until the water is turned on.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to grant the request for abatement of \$596.00 for FY 2015 – 1st half and 2nd half. Commissioner White seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

3. Application of Richard R. Ferris, Sr. ET. ALS. for 10 Stephen Ave.

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of his recommendation to deny the abatement due to the fact that the 2 family dwelling was changed by the owner to a single family with an in-law apartment. There is no designation for an in-law apartment or a policy of the Sewer Commissioners regarding in-law apartments. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to not grant the abatement. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b) Presentation by Tighe & Bond

Present: Michael Schrader

Mr. Schrader addressed the draft report that was submitted to the previous Sewer Commissioners and questioned if the current Board would be utilizing the report. Board responded that no decision had been made at the current time.

He began with the first presentation made to the previous Board in January 2014 which addressed the project's goal of making an informed decision in deciding which basis should be used to determine the sewer rate. Mr. Schrader continued with ratemaking goals –having enough revenue to cover all expenses and debt; how to allocate the costs to the rate payers fairly and proportionally and how to plan ahead for percentage increases of future rate changes needed for capital improvement projects. Review of the plant's expenses and revenues was briefly presented. Three scenarios for distribution of costs for consideration were: 1) keep EDU; 2) fixed fee plus flow based portion; 3) 100% flow based. The goals for each scenario were also presented.

Mr. Schrader and the Board discussed the pros and cons of the current EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) rate system and a system based just on water usage. Person from the audience questioned water used for lawns, car washing etc. that does not go into the sewer. Mr. Schrader responded that one option is to have a 2nd deduct meter but this would need to be decided by the BOSC.

NOTE: The numbers used in establishing a minimum fixed fee portion of the hybrid rate as presented are outdated. There is an increase in the number of sewer users since the initial presentation the rates would need to be re-worked to reflect this as well as the cost of the CIP presented by GHD engineering.

The Board members and Mr. Schrader reviewed graphs of existing data showing many of the different water usage scenarios in town. Discussion ensued as to how the rate would affect "summer" residents and other low water use businesses and residents, and large water use businesses and residents.

Data used to create the flow based portion of the hybrid rates will be taken from water use data. Mr. Schrader stated that a Memorandum of Understanding with the water districts would be

needed as the water districts would be providing data to the WPCF. He will be check on this and obtain current data before this next meeting with the board.

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved that the Board adopt the hybrid system.
Commissioner Sweeney seconded.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Commissioner Bronk opposed)

Mr. Schrader to bring back to the Board changes to the hybrid system which would take into consideration the CIP figures and base rate.

Commissioners Bronk and Sweeney appointed by Chairman Jordan to meet with Tighe & Bond to review the data and work out details that will be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

NOTE: Ms. Ferris interrupted the meeting to question why her abatement request was denied.

6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Establish location for F.O.G. meeting
Recommendation that the informational F.O. G. meeting be held at the Wareham Lodge of Elks as their cost of \$300 plus \$150 refundable deposit is for 300 attendees. Not knowing the exact number of persons who will attend, it would be a cost savings as opposed to the Rosebrook Event Center which has higher rates.
2. Two laborers and the Maintenance Manager attended classes yesterday for road work safety training. This is in preparation for of the summer infra-structure inspections/repairs.
3. Greasezilla representative attended a meeting yesterday with manufacturer and engineer to prepare for construction. It will take approximately six to eight weeks for construction.
4. We have 3 quotes for atomizer system for basins ranges from \$13,500 to \$22,000. The fence would be 300' around both basins with brackets to attach atomizers. Mr. Campinha reported that there may be funds available from FEMA through a grant that might help with future problems. Mr. Campinha suggested that we seek funds for covers for the basins.

Items for future discussion/research

- Letter to invite FOG producers – Estimate discussion date 9/21/15
- CZM grant in BOSCO's packets – representatives from State is invited to attend the June 4, 2015 presentation to the Board.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (Unanticipated Items)

a) Vote of Board to give Sewer Commissioner James Giberti and Sewer Commissioner Susan Sweeney (alternate) authorization to sign the WPCF bills.

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to that Commissioner Giberti be given authorization to sign the WPCF bills for payment with Commissioner Sweeney as alternate.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b) Vote to Authorize Chairman to sign Waiver of Service. Chairman Jordan edified the Board of her research regarding a betterment being a tax and upon sale of property, the betterment portion of the taxes collected should be allocated back to the sewer enterprise fund. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Waiver of Service regarding property owned by Gerald V. Robery III et als. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Commissioner White questioned if the EPA regulations are part of the CPower's Demand Response Proposal. Mr. Campinha responded that we are currently under EPA regulations.

b) Commissioner Bronk asked about the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Mr. Campinha made request for written response from the Ethics Commission which could take several weeks.

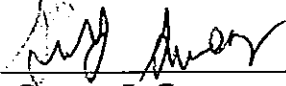
9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting scheduled for June 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. - CZM (Coastal Zone Management)
- 1st Presentation

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Bronk moved to adjourn. Commissioner Giberti seconded.
VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted
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Department Assistant

Attest: 
Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN CLERK

Date Signed: 6/18/15
Date sent to the Town Clerk: 6/22/15