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Elaine A. Fiore Chair
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Minutes
August 15, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was held in room 203. Members in attendance were Commissioners: Elaine Fiore, William Watson, and Brian Donohue along with Superintendent Dave Walsh and by ZOOM Tom Casey, CDM Smith.

Ms. Fiore call the meeting to order at **4:30PM**

Ms. Fiore asked an attendee on ZOOM by the name of Mark to identify himself for the meeting minutes. After numerous attempts, Mark did not identify himself and Ms. Fiore moved on.

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a MOTION made by Mr. Watson and SECONDED by Ms. Fiore, it was VOTED 2-0-1 to accept the meeting minutes of 4/4/2023, 4/10/2023, 4/18/2023 and 4/21/2023.

1. Reorganization

Ms. Fiore asked for nominations for Chair.

Upon a MOTION made by Mr. Watson and SECONDED by Mr. Donohue, it was unanimously VOTED to continue with Elaine Fiore as Chair.

Ms. Fiore asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Upon a MOTION made by Ms. Fiore and SECONDED by Mr. Donohue, it was unanimously VOTED to continue with Bill Watson as Vice Chair.

2. Plant Upgrade

Superintendent Walsh stated it was confirmed with MIIA, the Town's insurance company, the Marion Dr. pump station is included in the insurance policy. He will be looking at the value of the other pump stations to determine the appropriate value for the pump station at Marion Dr.

He provided CDM Smith with an assessment of the plant for last 3 years for a publication they will be putting in a trade magazine.

Superintendent Walsh stated he reached out to Waterworth, a company that provides information on costs to run the plant and what the end user should be paying for rates. He stated with a yearly subscription real time costs would be available. He will set up a Presentation for the Board.

The Kingsbury Club will be draining their 320,000-gallon pool in September. Discussions are ongoing on the best way to discharge the water. It may be a combination of onsite discharge with possible discharge to the sewer system.

The monitoring wells for the transfer station leaching fields were completed and are in good shape.



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3. Davis Property

Ms. Fiore mentioned there is an article for the October Town Meeting for the leaching fields.

The discussion revolved around pursuing funding for leaching fields for 3 tanks or 4 tanks. The State Revolving Fund would provide a low interest loan for the project. It was discussed with the age of the existing leaching fields we are running the risk of failure. There are signs of some hydraulic slow down. If the current leaching fields fail, there is no place for the discharge to go. There will be unintended consequences. Everything is queued up and ready to go, the last step is the funding. It was discussed to seek funding for 4 tanks and include connecting Town & Country to the municipal sewer system as an option. Growth in Town should be managed by the appropriate Boards and Committees that provide permits and not by the lack of sewer or septic systems.

Mr. Donohue will work on compiling information for customer outreach on the need for the leaching fields. Outreach may include a public meeting and or a mailing to the sewer customers. In the past we received funding from the MassWorks grants and the SRF loan. We have exhausted all avenues available to us. It was discussed without any development in Town the cost of the leaching fields will be on the rate payers.

4. Amendment No. 3

Mr. Casey provided an overview of the Project. Progress is being made replacing parts in tanks 1 & 2. The locker rooms are in good shape and a lot of site work has been completed. There are GBT and blower issues being evaluated and corrected. The remaining list of work is being worked on by Methuen and the subcontractors. Superintendent Walsh had asked for some HVAC changes in headworks and the Odor Control room. Fan motors and thermostats need to be installed before the HVAC system can be balanced.

Amendment 3 covers full time Construction Services for CDM Smith until September 8th. The \$195,000 also covers the remaining services for the O&M manuals, record drawings, training with \$22,000 for the construction of the new wells. The coordination and construction of the new wells were accomplished within two weeks to keep the project moving. Amendment 2 had covered Construction Services for CDM Smith until this past June.

As of July 1st, there is approximately \$700,000 left in contingency funds, \$655,000 in construction costs and \$35,000 not needed for police details. After Amendment 3 the remaining balance is approximately \$500,000 with approximately \$300,000 needed for the work in the SBRs and additional site work requested by the Town.

Upon a MOTION made by Mr. Watson and SECONDED by Mr. Donohue, it was unanimously VOTED to approve Amendment 3.

Change Orders

Mr. Casey stated he will be working with Methuen this week on the pending changes orders.



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Update from Superintendent

Superintendent Walsh stated he has started to investigate what is needed to offload the two, 3,000lbs magnesium oxide contains when they are delivered monthly. The containers are too heavy for the truck lift gates. It may be a stationary loading dock or something mechanical. He will report back to the Commissioners.

Mr. Hickey stopped by the meeting to state there might be ARPA money available for a sewer initiative if it qualifies. He also mentioned he had a placeholder for a Warrant Article for the leaching fields.

Within the last 48 hours

Ms. Fiore stated Scott Cohen, 48 Howlands Lane reached out to her about sewer capacity. They have an ANR for 5 house lots. She mentioned she will provide him with the cost for the additional capacity and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Adjourn: Upon a MOTION made by Mr. Watson and SECONDED by Mr. Donohue, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 5:20PM.