

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONS – MINUTES 2017  
March 27, 2017

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

**Present: William Mendoza, Carol Beauregard, Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis were present. Paul Joly was present via conference call.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**Bills were signed.**

**Discussion Re: Contract with Scherbon Consolidated, Inc. for Park Street Pump Station Upgrade:**

There was brief discussion regarding the contract for Scherbon Consolidated, Inc. to the upgrade project for the Park Street Pump Station.

**Discussion Re: AECOM – Consultant Engineer:** The Board discussed to see if AECOM would be the full-time consulting engineer for the Sewer Department. Carol Beauregard motioned to go back to AECOM as the Sewer Department’s full-time consulting engineer; Paul Joly seconded; all ayes; motion passes.

**4:45 P.M. – Richard Feodoroff Re: Discussion of Stonegate Landing Pump Station:** Richard Feodoroff came before the Board to discuss his plans in regards to the previously planned pump station for Stonegate Landing. Mr. Feodoroff stated that back in August of 2016, he came in with a set of proposed plans to eliminate the pump station for Stonegate Landing and to connect the remaining 10 houses to pumps as part of Phase 1 and abandon Phase 2 with conditions. Mr. Feodoroff discussed the letter that he received in August 31, 2016 from the Board which states that the Board and Supt. Harold Gracia reviewed plans that Mr. Feodoroff submitted at that time. The proposed plans indicated that Mr. Feodoroff wanted to change from having individual pumps in the residents’ homes instead of a pump station which was his original intent. The letter also indicated that the Board wanted evidence regarding the six residents that currently have E-1 pumps in their homes, would agree with this change as they were expecting the pumps to be temporary and that there would be a pump station. Also in the letter, Mr. Feodoroff was to make sure that all taxes and fees due to the Town of Dighton were satisfied and that the Board would review plans with an engineer of the Board’s choice, at Mr. Feodoroff’s cost. Mr. Feodoroff stated that he did pay all taxes. Mr. Feodoroff provided a copy of the letter he is intending to send to the six homeowners of Stonegate Landing who currently have E-1 Pumps, requesting they agree to keep the E-1 pumps and not be tied into a pump station. He stated that he is also sending a petition for the residents to sign, stating that they agree with these changes. He states that this petition is for the benefit of the Sewer Department and the Z.B.A. (Zoning Board of Appeals). Mr. Feodoroff states “I’m pressing forward with all of this. I do have to have a hearing with the Z.B.A. to officially abandon it (the pump station). But I can tell you that as the Developer of the project, I have the right to build it but not the obligation.” There was discussion regarding Mr. Feodoroff’s intentions for the remaining phase of the Stonegate Landing. He states he wants single family homes for those lots. Chairman William Mendoza and Supt. Harold Gracia voiced their concerns to Mr. Feodoroff regarding the multiple changes in the design of the sewer system over the years. Supt. Gracia stated to Mr. Feodoroff that the Board’s engineer needs to review plans for Stonegate Landing as plans have changed numerous times. The Board stated to Mr. Feodoroff that written agreement from the residents of Stonegate Landing needs to be notarized. The Board will be taking Mr. Feodoroff’s requests under advisement.

**5:00 P.M. Attorney Joe Cove Re: Taunton Inter-Municipal Agreement (I.M.A.):** Attorney Joe Cove from the City of Taunton came before the Board to discuss the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Sewer Department and the City of Taunton. Atty. Cove stated that the 'guest host agreement' between Taunton and Dighton is "essentially finished" and has been since 2015, but there are two things that are not yet resolved;

- 1) Atty. Cove states that under the old I.M.A. that the reserve capacity for Dighton was at 610,000 gallons per day (gpd), which was not acceptable to Taunton. At the Board Meeting that Atty. Cove attended on October 5, 2016, he suggested to do a step-up or a graduating of reserve capacity beginning at 210,000/gpd and increase every three-five years until the 600,000 gpd is reached.
- 2) Atty. Cove stated that he is not getting a "straight answer" from the City Solicitor (of Taunton). Atty. Cove stated his opinions as the holdup of the I.M.A.

Atty. Cove stated that he never received clear authorization to speak with the E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency) or MASS D.E.P. (Department of Environmental Protection) for the Southeastern District. Atty. Cove stated that he cannot be acting without the full support and backing of the Board. He stated there are three things that the Board of Sewer Commissioners should do to move forward in regards to the I.M.A.;

- 1) Atty. Cove suggested to get in contact with Joe Boccadoro from AECOM, because he is the engineer most familiar with the system. He stated if Mr. Boccadoro could get on board and review the reserve capacity figures that Atty. Cove worked on and, also for Mr. Boccadoro to discuss the reserve capacity with Taunton's Consultant, BETA Engineering.
- 2) Atty. Cove stated for the Board to go on record by authorizing Atty. Cove to pursue all administrative and legal remedies to close this I.M.A.
- 3) Atty. Cove stated to the Board that they should at least be considering a C.W.M.P. (Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning). He stated that he knew that it is expensive but he suggested for the Board to at least talk about this.

Carol Beauregard motioned to authorize Atty. Joe Cove to do what he deems necessary to close the I.M.A. with the City of Taunton; Paul Joly seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes. Atty. Cove stated that he feels that something is going on in the City of Taunton that is preventing him from moving forward in finalizing the I.M.A. Atty. Cove stated that Dighton is a co-permittee with the City of Taunton. Atty. Cove stated that he would make some calls to move things along.

**Question Re: Van Gyzen Hall – Capped Stub – Will There Still be a Sewer Bill (\$90.00 Sewer User Fee and \$25.00 Inflow & Infiltration Fee):** The Board and Supt Gracia discussed if there will still be a Sewer User and I & I Fees for the Van Gyzen Hall. Supt. Gracia clarified that the water is shut off there. It was decided for the fees to continue until the sewer stub is capped off at the property line. Carol Beauregard motioned that the Town will pay the sewer user fees until it is properly capped off at the property line; Paul Joly seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

**Discussion Re: 2017 Inflow & Infiltration Program:** Supt. Gracia stated that he received a letter stating that MASS. D.E.P. passed a regulation in 2015 for all municipalities to reduce or have an inflow and infiltration plan. The plan must be submitted by the end of 2017. He spoke to a gentleman at MASS DEP regarding the I & I plan for the Town of Dighton, the amount of sewer users and that the Sewer Dept. has five pump stations all with flow measurement in them. That gentleman from MASS DEP stated to Supt. Gracia to have a letter written to MASS DEP stating the size of the Town of Dighton with a little of it's history or have a consultant look at the Sewer Dept.'s flow, which is not a significant amount. Supt. Gracia suggested that this is something that should be run by our consultant engineer and figure out what needs to be done in regards to being I & I compliant. The Board decided to table this discussion to the next scheduled Board Meeting on April 10, 2017.

**Superintendent's Report:** Supt. Gracia stated that he has been trying to coordinate a date for the preventative maintenance for the generators.

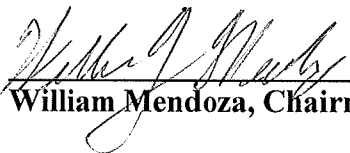
Supt. Gracia stated that a low coolant alarm was going off in the generator at the Power Plant Pump Station. He stated that he put antifreeze in there and it corrected the alarm issue. He also indicated that there were numerous alarms going off at the Power Plant and Park Street Pump Stations.

Supt. Gracia stated that he needed to schedule the cleaning of the wet wells.

Carol Beauregard motioned to adjourn at 6:18 pm; Paul Joly seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.

  
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William Mendoza, Chairman

  
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Carol Beauregard, Member

  
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Paul Joly, Clerk