

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONS – MINUTES 2018  
January 29, 2018

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

**Present:** William Mendoza, Carol Beauregard, Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis. Atty. Joe Cove from the City of Taunton and Jarrod Trainor from AECOM were also in attendance.

**Minutes:** Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**Bills were signed.**

**4:30 P.M. Attorney Joe Cove and Jarrod Trainor from AECOM Discuss letter from The City of Taunton Re: Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (C.W.M.P.), Upgrade of Taunton facility and Inter-Municipal Agreement (I.M.A.):** Jarrod Trainor from AECOM and Atty. Joe Cove from the City of Taunton came before the Board to discuss the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (C.W.M.P.); Upgrade of the Taunton Facility and the Inter-Municipal Agreement (I.M.A.). Atty. Joe Cove began by stating that the City of Taunton is looking to expand their capacity at their wastewater facility and have done substantial Inflow and Infiltration remediation. Atty. Cove stated that in 2004 or 2005, the City had a system that was designed approximately for 8.4 million gallons per day (G.P.D.). He stated that the City of Taunton had been penalized by the Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) for exceeding their G.P.D. capacity. He also stated that they have substantially reduced their infiltration and inflow into their treatment plant and they are now doing about 5.4 million G.P.D. into that facility. He stated that the facility is old and the City of Taunton lost their appeal to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) and are now required to treat a higher level and more materials by expanding or enhancing the level of treatment. The City is requesting a loan through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (administered by the Mass D.E.P.) through the Clean Water Trust (also known as the C.W.S.R.F.). Atty. Cove stated that these loans normally charge about 2% sometimes higher. He states that the criteria for the applicants of these loans are:

- 1) The Facility is in a critically sensitive area (such as the Taunton River)
- 2) Be a good citizen
- 3) Must have a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (C.W.M.P.) (which Taunton currently has and is being updated)
- 4) Provide flow regionally (Taunton provides flow for Dighton, Raynham and a section of Norton)
- 5) The City of Taunton are Co-Permittees

Atty. Cove gave an example of the Case of The Denver Street Realty vs. Saugus. The Massachusetts Supreme Court stated that the down-stream host has the right to require that the up-stream guest to pay for Inflow and Infiltration removal in the host city. Atty. Cove stated that Saugus lost the case in the Supreme Court.

Atty. Cove stated that he has been in contact with the Superintendent in Raynham, John McGarry. He stated that Raynham received the same letter that Dighton received from the City of Taunton and that Raynham's Sewer Commission is meeting with the City of Taunton is scheduled on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Atty. Cove stated that he asked Supt. McGarry to share with him of what takes place at this meeting. He stated that Supt. McGarry gave him a copy of their Sewer Bank Ordinance and a C.W.M.P. Atty. Cove suggested to wait to meet with Taunton to see what they are looking for from Raynham.

Atty. Cove discussed the Sewer Bank Ordinance and the purpose of it.

Atty. Cove discussed with the Board and Supt. Gracia the Town of Dighton having some type of a C.W.M.P. Jarrod Trainor from AECOM asked questions regarding the Sewer Bank Ordinance, C.W.M.P. and the I.M.A.

It was discussed that Atty. Cove will be contacting Fred Cornaglia or Jack Hamm from the City of Taunton D.P.W. regarding the Taunton I.M.A.

It was discussed that a meeting be scheduled with the City of Taunton after Atty. Cove speaks with Raynham's Superintendent after their meeting with the City of Taunton on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Review and Sign Revised Task Order from AECOM:** Jarrod Trainor stated that he will update and send the revised Task Order from AECOM.

**Correspondence Dated 1/15/18 from Delphic Associates Re: Stonegate Landing Pump Station:** The Board, Supt. Gracia and Jarrod Trainor from AECOM reviewed correspondence from Paul Cusson from Delphic Associates regarding plans for the Stonegate Landing Pump Station. Carol Beauregard motioned to have AECOM review the sewer plans for Stonegate Landing Pump Station; William Mendoza stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

**Review Inspection Report for Park Street Pump Station:** Supt. Harold Gracia reviewed the electrical inspection for the Park Street Pump Station. The status of the inspection passed.

**Correspondence Dated 1/9/18 from Aquaria – Request to Modify Current Waste Water Discharge Agreement:** The Board, and Supt. Gracia reviewed and discussed correspondence from Aquaria to modify the Waste Water Discharge Agreement with Jarrod Trainor from AECOM.

**Drain-Layer Application: AO Construction (New Police Station Connection):** The Board reviewed a Drain-Layer application from AO Construction. Carol Beauregard motioned to approve the application for AO Construction to be a licensed drain-layer for construction on the new Police Station; William Mendoza stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

**New Telephone Line Installed at Park Street, Fire Alarm Needs to be Connected:** Supt. Gracia stated that Dianne Curtis met with Verizon at the Park Street Pump Station to install a new phone line for the fire alarm panel.

**Review of Budget:** The Board and Supt. Gracia reviewed and discussed the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Supt. Harold Gracia stated that today (Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>) Scherbon Consolidated, Inc. was at the Park Street Pump Station to install a sluice gate inside the wet well. He stated that Scherbon Consolidated, Inc. still has training for Supt. Gracia for the pump station and they are still working on the alarm system at Park Street Station with N.E.S.S. (New England Safety System). Supt. Gracia stated that there is a punch list item on the level control system.

Supt. Gracia stated that he inspected work done at 317 Jennifer Lane by MJD Excavating, Inc. on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

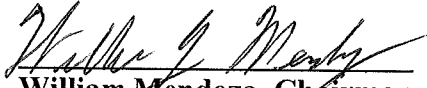
Supt. Gracia stated that he was in contact with Dick Treacy from North Dighton Fire District and discussed a water leak in North Dighton.

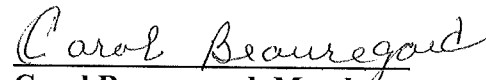
Supt. Gracia stated that there was a pump failure at the Bristol County Agricultural High School Pump Station. He stated that he has cleaned the pump, which works for a short time. He stated possibly getting a septic company to empty the wet well at the pump station as there have been a lot of debris.

Carol Beauregard motioned to adjourn at 6:30 P.M.; William Mendoza stepped down as Chair and seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.

  
William Mendoza, Chairman

  
Carol Beauregard, Member