

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONS – MINUTES 2018  
December 10, 2018

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

**Present: Carol Beauregard, Thomas Ferry, Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis. Paul Joly was not present.**

**Attorney Joe Cove from the City of Taunton and Joe Boccadoro from AECOM were also present.**

**Payroll signed by Carol Beauregard singularly for December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup> were approved.

**Bills were signed.**

**New Business:**

**Meeting with Attorney Joseph Cove from the City of Taunton and Joe Boccadoro from AECOM Regarding Their Meeting About the Inter-Municipal Agreement (I.M.A.) with Taunton:** Attorney Joe Cove from the City of Taunton and Joe Boccadoro from AECOM came before the Board to discuss the Inter-Municipal Agreement (I.M.A.) with the City of Taunton. Atty. Cove summarized the status of the I.M.A. with the City of Taunton. He stated that his meeting with the City of Taunton was positive. He also stated that they need to complete their application for a 0% interest loan from a state revolving fund. Atty. Cove stated that to complete their application for this loan, the City of Taunton must have an I.M.A. in place with the Town of Dighton. Atty. Cove stated that Pat Rogers from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) reviewed the I.M.A. draft and he had no issues with it concerning the D.E.P. Atty. Cove stated that at a meeting on November 29, 2018, in Taunton, Jack Hamm, Consultant from the City of Taunton, noted that there were three conditions that need to be met for the I.M.A. Atty. Cove stated that flow allocation was discussed at this meeting. The flow allocation for the I.M.A. would be 300,000 gallons per day (g.p.d.), subject to review in seven years (to expire in 2031), which would be the same expiration date for the I.M.A. with the Town of Raynham. Board Member Thomas Ferry, questioned Atty. Joe Cove as to the reason why Dighton's I.M.A. with Taunton had to be like that of Raynham's. Atty. Cove stated it was for planning purposes that the Town of Dighton and the Town of Raynham are to be similar. Atty. Cove stated that there was discussion regarding the Sewer Bank By-Law. Atty. Cove stated that he, Jack Hamm and the City Solicitor will meet (in person) to finalize the I.M.A. language.

Regarding the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I), Atty. Cove stated there was discussion between him and Jack Hamm about fees paid to the City of Taunton from Dighton's Sewer Bank. Atty. Cove stated that this still needs to be discussed. Atty. Cove asked what Joe Boccadoro's thoughts on the fees coming from the Sewer Bank. Mr. Boccadoro stated that as the Town of Dighton would be allotted 300,000 g.p.d., he suggested for the Town to do a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (C.W.M.P.) study, even before the year 2031 review for the I.M.A., to make sure that this figure is an appropriate amount for the Town. Atty. Cove agrees with the Town doing a C.W.M.P. study. Mr. Boccadoro stated that the City of Taunton does have a C.W.M.P. in place.

Supt. Gracia asked if the City of Taunton currently has a Sewer Bank, to which Atty. Cove stated that they do. There was discussion between Supt. Gracia, Atty. Cove and Mr. Boccadoro regarding Taunton's flows, I&I, etc.

There was discussion between Atty. Cove, Mr. Boccadoro, Supt. Gracia and the Board regarding the capacity that the City of Taunton is using, the capacity being used in the Town of Raynham and the Town of Dighton's capacity (the original 600,000 that was allotted with the 1979-1980's I.M.A. with Taunton). Chairwoman Carol Beauregard stated she was concerned with potentially new sewer tie-ins from large developers. She asked if there was a cap on the Sewer Bank amount per year. Atty. Cove stated that this information should be stated in the Sewer Bank.

Chairwoman Beauregard asked what is needed from the Board at this meeting. Atty. Cove stated that he wanted to address all questions and concerns the Board may have. He stated that the I.M.A. needs to be in place and completed. He also stated that it is critical that the Town of Dighton have a C.W.M.P. and land-use controls in place. Atty. Cove stated that he would research if there are any grants available. He stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) has issued to the Towns of Raynham and Dighton a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (N.P.D.E.S.) System Permits, so that we have the right to discharge through the system by Federal Law.

There were discussions regarding sewer rates, costs for sewer, etc. Chairwoman Beauregard stated that she felt she had more understanding after having met with Atty. Cove and Mr. Boccadoro.

#### **Schedule Commissioner's Meeting Schedule for First Half of 2019:**

##### **New Sewer Commissioner Board Meeting Dates:**

January 14, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
January 28, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
February 11, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
February 25, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
March 11, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
March 25, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
April 8, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
April 22, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
May 6, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
May 20, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
June 17, 2019 – 4:30 PM

#### **Old Business:**

**Update on Power Plant Pump Station:** Supt. Gracia stated that New England Safety Systems (N.E.S.S.) replaced the control board. He also stated that the Town Electrician, Paul St. George, was also at this pump station with his assistant for half of a day. Supt. Gracia stated that he still needs a plumber at the Power Plant Station along with some electrical work that still needs to be done. He stated that he needs to order a motor for the pump. Supt. Gracia stated that he would like to get a backup generator. Supt. Gracia stated that he would email pictures of damage at the Power Plant Pump Station to Dianne Curtis.

**Update on Meeting with Board of Selectmen Re: Rt. 138 Line Extension:** The Board stated that they would invite the Board of Selectmen to attend the January 14, 2019 Sewer Commissioners Board Meeting.

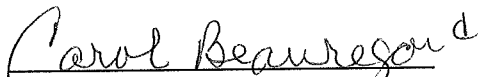
**Superintendent's Report:**

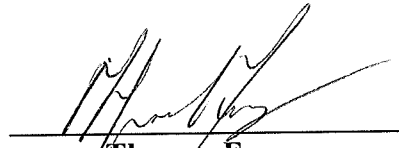
Supt. Harold Gracia stated that he attempted to contact Coastal Excavation to look at the manholes on Rt. 138 and give a quote. He stated that they stated that they have been extremely busy and have not had an opportunity to evaluate and give a quote. Supt. Gracia stated that over the winter months, the manholes would be monitored and patch as needed.

Thomas Ferry motioned to adjourn at 7:11 P.M.; Carol Beauregard stepped down as Chair and seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.

  
Carol Beauregard, Chairman

  
Thomas Ferry

