

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2020
August 31, 2020

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

Present: Paul Joly, Thomas Ferry, Robert Woods (via Zoom), Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis.

Review and sign bills.

Minutes: Both Minutes of August 10th - Regular Board and Public Hearing Meetings were approved.

New Business:

Question from Resident at 370 Forest Street, Re: Possibility of Sewer Connection: Dianne Curtis, Office Manager, discussed with The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia, a phone call she received from a resident on 370 Forest Street, inquiring about connecting to the public sewer, as there is no sewer in this area of Forest Street. Supt. Gracia reviewed a map of sewer lines on Forest Street. He stated that this would be costly but not impossible. The resident would have to hire an engineer to potentially design a low-pressure sewer system.

Review Daily Field Reports from Russ Kleekamp of GHD Engineering Re: Stonegate Landing Pump Station: The Board reviewed and discussed Daily Field Reports from Russ Kleekamp of GHD Engineering regarding the Stonegate Landing Pump Station Project. Richard Feodoroff met with The Board and Supt. Gracia via Zoom. Supt. Gracia reviewed the Daily Field Reports from Russ Kleekamp of GHD Engineering, with Mr. Feodoroff. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Feodoroff the status of the water and electrical services. Mr. Feodoroff stated to Supt. Gracia the status of those services. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Feodoroff for an updated schedule of progress for the pump station building, generator, etc.

Correspondence from Richard Feodoroff Re: 981 Stonegate Landing Service Installation. Mr. Feodoroff to Join the Sewer Commissioners' Board Meeting via Zoom: Richard Feodoroff met with The Board and Supt. Gracia via Zoom. Chairman Paul Joly questioned Mr. Feodoroff if anyone was living at the 981 Stonegate Landing Property. Mr. Feodoroff stated that no one is living at this property. He also stated that the owners have furniture in the house, but no one is occupying it. Mr. Feodoroff stated that as the owners of 981 Stonegate Landing have not been living at the house, however, they have been working in the home. Mr. Feodoroff stated that there is an accessible port-a-john near the house.

Thomas Ferry motioned to allow 981 Stonegate Landing to add a service connection in order to be capped at the property line; Paul Joly stepped down as Chair and seconded; Robert Woods abstained; motion passes.

Richard Feodoroff via Zoom; Re: Building Permit Signature Request for Lots 2, 4 and 35 in Stonegate Landing: Richard Feodoroff met The Board and Supt. Gracia via Zoom, to request signatures for Building Permits for three properties in Stonegate Landing; Lots 2, 4 and 35. The letter that was sent to Mr. Feodoroff on November 26, 2018 from The Board, remains in effect. That letter states that once the pump station is built and operational and before anyone is tied into the public sewer, that the six Stonegate Landing residents currently using E-1 Pumps are to be disconnected from the E-1 Pumps and tied into the public sewer.

Richard Feodoroff via Zoom; Re: Building Permit Signature Request for Lots 2, 4 and 35 in Stonegate Landing (Cont.):

Thomas Ferry motioned to sign the building permit applications for Lots 2, 4 and 35 in Stonegate Landing and that the November 26, 2018 Letter to Richard Feodoroff from The Board of Sewer Commissioners, still remains in effect and in particular, the second paragraph of that letter, which reads as follows:

"In addition, prior to any occupancy permits being issued, the residences currently connected to the system with e-one pumps must be disconnected and reconnected to discharge to the pump station. They are lots # 5, 975 Stonegate Landing, lot # 6, 973 Stonegate Landing lot #7, 971 Stonegate Landing, lot # 8, 969 Stonegate Landing, lot # 9, 967 Stonegate Landing and lot # 10, 957 Stonegate Landing."

Paul Joly stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Old Business:

Update on Pumping Truck Service Invoice Re: B.C.A.H.S. (Paid): There was brief discussion regarding an Invoice that was paid by the Dighton Sewer Dept., to Bay State Sewage Disposal, Inc., for pumping services on April 28, 2020, at the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station. A letter was sent to Derek Costa, Business Manager at B.C.A.H.S. in July, requesting reimbursement back to the Sewer Dept. for this invoice. The Sewer Dept. received the reimbursement payment from B.C.A.H.S. on August 24th.

Update on Correspondence Between the Sewer Dept., Chuck Samiotes from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. (Engineer for B.C.A.H.S. Expansion Project) and Justin Gould from Weston & Sampson (Consultant Engineer for the Sewer Dept.) Re: Overflow Tank for B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station: Dianne Curtis stated to The Board and Supt. Gracia that she emailed Chuck Samiotes from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. (Engineer for the Bristol County Agricultural High School), regarding updates for the overflow tank for the Sewer Upgrade Project at the B.C.A.H.S Pump Station. Mrs. Curtis stated to The Board and Supt. Gracia that Mr. Samiotes submitted final plans for the overflow tank to Mr. Gould.

Superintendent's Report:

B.C.A.H.S Pump Station Update: Supt. Harold Gracia discussed with The Board that he received a call at 2:30 A.M. one morning regarding two BFD failed pumps at the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station. He rectified the issues at the Pump Station. Supt. Gracia stated that there have been no overflow events.

Power Products Generator Maintenance for All Generators at Pump Stations: Supt. Gracia stated to The Board that Power Products serviced all generators at all the Pump Stations per the Generator Maintenance Contracts. He stated there were no major issues, just a new battery for the Park Street Pump Station generator. He stated that he has the Generator Maintenance Reports from Power Products and will furnish them to The Board at a later date.

Manhole Located at 949 Somerset Avenue: Supt. Gracia stated that MASS Highway reported to him, that the asphalt around a manhole cover in front of 949 Somerset Avenue property, had deteriorated significantly. He obtained some materials from the Dighton Highway Dept. to repair the asphalt around the manhole cover. Supt. Gracia stated that the 949 Somerset Avenue property may be demolished and if this occurs, the sewer would need to be capped.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

Park Street Pump Station: Supt. Gracia stated that there were additional alarms going off at the Park Street Pump Station due to flooding. He stated that as he was trouble shooting the issues, that the four tear-drop floats as part of the back-up system, needs to be replaced to get the system running. He also stated that he is ordering another transducer as a back-up. Supt. Gracia stated that there are still issues in the wet well with level controls.

Robert Woods motioned to adjourn at 6:30 P.M.; Thomas Ferry seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.

Paul Joly, Chairman

Thomas Ferry, Clerk

Robert Woods