

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2021
July 12, 2021

Meeting opened at 4:40 P.M.

Present: Paul Joly, Thomas Ferry, Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis.

Minutes: Thomas Ferry motioned to accept the Minutes of June 1, 2021; Paul Joly stepped down and seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Bills: Reviewed and signed

New Business:

Office Manager, Dianne Curtis, updated the Commissioners on FY 2021 year-end progress. All bills are paid with the exception of the City of Taunton's flow invoice. Taunton is in the process of preparing the figures. Once the invoice is received, the funds will be encumbered from FY21 to FY22 for payment.

Superintendent's Report:

430 Old Somerset Ave: Supt. Harold Gracia stated that the sewer connection had some challenges. Plans we have on file (as-built) showed the sewer stub marked out at the water box. Mr. Gracia was able to locate pretty close to the sewer stub. The project took 3 days to do the sewer and they thought that they could extend gravity quite far but ultimately they could not. There was an incident where the police were called. The drain layer was told it was a public way and they had to maintain access, which they did. That was the only issue Superintendent heard about. He asked for a minimum of 3 feet of coverage and that is what the drain layer did.

Route 138 Pump Station: American Roofing replaced the roof and Superintendent Gracia is very satisfied.

Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.) Pump Station: Superintendent Gracia stated that he received and installed the new pump for the BCAHS station with the assistance of Assistant Superintendent, Rich Kotouch. There were 3 high level alarms at the BCAHS station during rain storms. Superintendent Gracia is going to contact the contractor about this again. He believes it is a landscaping issue.

Verizon: New fiber optics were installed at the Spring Street, Lincoln Ave and Route 138 pump stations.

Lincoln Ave Station: Superintendent Gracia has received multiple alarms that he believes are due to the high heat of over 90 degrees during that time period.

Flows: Due to the wet weather in June and July, flows were up.

Superintendent Gracia requested the permission of the Commissioners to order another back-up pump for the Bristol County Agricultural School pump station. The one order had to be used as another pump failed.

Tom Ferry motioned to get a back-up pump. Paul Joly stepped down and seconded the motion, all in favor aye, motion passes.


Tom Ferry motioned to adjourn at 5:27 P.M.; Paul Joly stepped down and seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Dianne Curtis



Paul Joly, Chairman



Thomas Ferry, Clerk

Robert Woods