

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2021
January 25, 2021

Meeting opened at 4:45 P.M.

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

Review and Sign Bills.

Minutes: Minutes of January 11th, 2021, are being reviewed by The Board.

New Business:

Set New Board Meeting Dates:

All Board Meetings begin at 4:30 P.M.

February 8, 2021

February 22, 2021

March 8, 2021

March 22, 2021

April 5, 2021

April 19, 2021

Drain Layer License Renewals – Vesta Development, Plymouth, MA: The Board reviewed a Drain-Layer Renewal Application for Vesta Development from Plymouth, MA.

Paul Joly stepped down as Chair and motioned to approve the Drain-Layer Renewal Applications for Vesta Development from Plymouth, MA; Robert Woods seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Dighton Water District and North Dighton Fire District Backflow Prevention Inspection Results: The Board and Supt. Gracia briefly reviewed and discussed the Backflow Prevention Inspection Results from both the Dighton Water District and North Dighton Fire District. Supt. Gracia stated to The Board that the Inspections passed.

Discussion Re: Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.) Building Upgrade Project, Dighton Building Department is Looking for a Sign-Off on New Building. Justin Gould from Weston & Sampson (one of the Engineers for The Dighton Sewer Dept.) has been Contacting the School's Architect and Not Getting a Response: Dave DeForrest from Gilbane Building Company, met with The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia, on behalf of the Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.), to discuss the Pump Station upgrade project. Mr. DeForrest stated that he had been in communication with J.R. Vinagro, the Site Contractor at B.C.A.H.S. regarding the overflow tank. There was discussion between Chairman Joly and Mr. DeForrest regarding items that need to be addressed along with an occupancy permit for the new building that needs to be signed off. Mr. DeForrest stated that the architect and engineer submitted some drawings of the overflow tank to Justin Gould of Weston & Sampson, the engineer for the Sewer Dept. Mr. DeForrest stated that he emailed a schedule of the work being done, to Dianne Curtis, Office Manager. Mrs. Curtis stated to Chairman Joly that she receive the email and that she will forward to The Board and Supt. Gracia after The Board Meeting. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. DeForrest if he could give an estimate of the installation of the overflow tank. There was discussion between Supt. Gracia and Mr. DeForrest regarding some of the concerns Supt. Gracia had with making sure that there are no issues with debris and back-up at the manholes and grease traps are cleaned out, etc.

Discussion Re: B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station Upgrade Project (Continued):

Chairman Joly asked Mr. DeForrest when the pump station at B.C.A.H.S. is expected to be completed. Mr. DeForrest stated the pump station is expected to be completed in March. Thomas Ferry read an email from the Building Commissioner, regarding the overflow tank installation. The Board and Supt. Gracia thanked Mr. DeForrest for his time and the information he provided.

Paul Joly stepped down as Chair and motioned to sign the Occupancy Permit for the new building at B.C.A.H.S.; Thomas Ferry seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Old Business:

Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering Re: Review of Pump Station Evaluation (Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.)):

Russ Kleekamp and Craig Curtain from GHD Engineering, met with The Board and Supt. Gracia to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) for the Sewer Pump Stations. Mr. Kleekamp stated that he emailed Supt. Gracia a draft of the C.I.P. Report. He stated that Supt. Gracia responded with some of his comments and that he would like to submit a Final C.I.P. Report to The Board. Supt. Gracia thanked Mr. Kleekamp and Mr. Curtain for the Draft C.I.P. Report and he stated to both gentlemen that the Draft was excellent and that they both did a great job. There was discussion between Mr. Kleekamp, Mr. Curtain and Supt. Gracia regarding the C.I.P. Draft Report and spare pumps for the stations. Supt. Gracia stated that all the Pump Stations with the exception of the Route 138 Pump Station, have two pumps operating in them. There was brief discussion between Supt. Gracia and Chairman Joly regarding the costs and functions of the submersible pumps versus conventional pumps. The Board thanked Mr. Kleekamp and Mr. Curtain for their time.

The Board and Supt. Gracia discussed which pump stations need priority and finalizing the amount for the C.I.P.

Update on Stonegate Landing Pump Station:

Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering met with The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia via Zoom, to discuss updates on the Stonegate Landing Pump Station. Mr. Kleekamp stated that he had spoken with Richard Feodoroff, Proponent of Stonegate Landing. Mr. Feodoroff stated to Mr. Kleekamp that things were moving forward but slowly, due to the Pandemic and other delays. Mr. Kleekamp stated that he and electrical engineers at GHD discussed and determined the proper size generator for the Pump Station. It was determined and relayed to Mr. Feodoroff that a 25-kilowatt generator would be sufficient. Mr. Feodoroff stated to Mr. Kleekamp that he was checking Kohler and other quality brands for generators. Mr. Kleekamp stated that Mr. Feodoroff told him that he was planning on wiring the flow meter this Wednesday. He stated that he has been in contact with Hayes Pump, to meet at the Stonegate Landing Pump Station to go over the specifics.

Supt. Harold Gracia asked Mr. Kleekamp if the proposed generator size would be sufficient for a heater in the future. Mr. Kleekamp indicated that the generator size would be enough. There was discussion between Supt. Gracia and Mr. Kleekamp regarding who is doing the daily readings at that Pump Station. Supt. Gracia stated that he has not seen any daily readings yet.

Brief Discussion Re: The FY 2022 Sewer Dept. Budget: There was brief discussion between The Board and Supt. Gracia regarding the Budget for the Sewer Dept. for Fiscal Year 2022. Thomas Ferry motioned to accept and submit the FY22 Budget as discussed; Robert Woods seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Superintendent's Report:

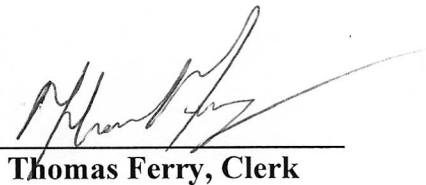
Supt. Harold Gracia stated to The Board that the funds for the Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) needs to be discussed and decided on this week, based on the Report from GHD Engineering. He discussed with The Board, issues that need addressing in specific pump stations indicated in the report along with the cost outlined in the report from GHD Engineering. Supt. Gracia also stated which issues at specific pump stations that should be addressed first.

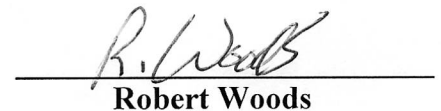
Robert Woods motioned to adjourn at 6:00 P.M.; Paul Joly stepped down as Chair and seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.



Paul Joly, Chairman

Thomas Ferry, Clerk

Robert Woods