

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2021
March 22, 2021

Meeting opened at 4:32 P.M.

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

Review and Sign Bills.

Minutes: Minutes of February 22, 2021, are being reviewed by The Board.

New Business:

Correspondence: Letter to Planning Board Re: Forest Hills Estates: The Board reviewed a letter (dated March 15, 2021), to The Planning Board in regards to the Forest Hills Estates.

Progress of the Stonegate Landing Pump Station: The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia discussed a meeting that took place today at the Stonegate Landing Pump Station. Those in attendance were: Paul Joly, Chairman of the Board of Sewer Commissioners; Robert Woods, Sewer Board Member; and Richard Feodoroff, Proponent of Stonegate Landing. Chairman Joly updated the rest of The Sewer Board and Supt. Gracia of what transpired at this meeting. Chairman Joly stated that the Pump Station looked good, however, there were items that still need to be completed by Mr. Feodoroff. Mr. Woods stated that this was his first time in a Pump Station but that he was very impressed with the Station. Mr. Woods stated that after he left Stonegate Landing Pump Station, he went to speak with James Aguiar, Building Commissioner, to find out his perspective on the Pump Station. Mr. Woods stated that Mr. Aguiar understood the issues that Mr. Feodoroff is having with the generator. However, Mr. Woods stated that Mr. Aguiar expressed the importance of having the six houses in Stonegate Landing currently using E-1 Pumps, to be tied into the Pump Station as soon as possible. He stated that Mr. Feodoroff wanted to wait on tying in those six residents, because of some concerns he has. Mr. Woods said that Mr. Aguiar reiterated the importance of tying those residents in first. Dianne Curtis, Office Manager, stated to The Board that Mr. Feodoroff dropped off Building Permits to be signed. Chairman Joly stated that those Building Permits should not be signed until those six residents on E-1 Pumps are tied into sewer first. Supt. Harold Gracia stated his thoughts and concerns about the Pump Station to The Board. He stated that this needs to be discussed with Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering (Engineer for the Dighton Sewer Dept.) for his recommendations. There was brief discussion regarding the Missions Control System for the Alarm at the Stonegate Landing Pump Station.

5:00 P.M. (via Zoom) Richard Feodoroff from Stonegate Landing and Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering, Progress Report on Stonegate Landing Pump Station: Richard Feodoroff, Proponent of Stonegate Landing and Russ Kleekamp, from GHD Engineering (Engineer for the Dighton Sewer Dept.), met with The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia via Zoom, to discuss the progress of the Stonegate Landing Pump Station. Mr. Kleekamp began the discussion by stating that, Mr. Feodoroff had sent an email to Mr. Kleekamp with updates on the progress of the Pump Station. Mr. Kleekamp stated to The Board and Supt. Gracia that there has been good progress made. He stated that he visited the Stonegate Landing Pump Station a few weeks ago to go over the last few items. Mr. Kleekamp stated that probably the main issue that needs to be discussed at this meeting, would be the generator. He stated that from what he has been seeing with other projects as well, that there seems to be a backlog with generators. Mr. Kleekamp stated that he feels that an outdoor generator may be the best option. He said that a 25-kilowatt should be sufficient for that Station.

5:00 P.M. (via Zoom) Richard Feodoroff from Stonegate Landing and Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering, Progress Report on Stonegate Landing Pump Station (Continued):

Mr. Kleekamp stated to The Board and Supt. Gracia that Mr. Feodoroff obtained quotes and lead times from suppliers for the generator. He asked if The Board and Supt. Gracia had any concerns or issues with the generator potentially being placed outdoors. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Kleekamp if the generator would operate with natural gas or diesel. Mr. Feodoroff responded to Supt. Gracia stating, that the generator would run on natural gas. Supt. Gracia stated to Mr. Feodoroff to make sure that the gas lines have been sized properly, etc. Mr. Kleekamp stated that before a final decision is made in regards to the generator to purchase, he will call Supt. Gracia. Chairman Joly, asked about the six houses in Stonegate Landing that are currently on E-1 Pumps and how to proceed. Mr. Feodoroff explained to The Board that he had his Engineer (Silva Engineering) survey those six lots to see where the sewer lines are located. He stated his concerns with the lawns of those six residents and requested to not have any work done until May 1st when the weather will be better. Mr. Kleekamp stated that from an operational standpoint, the sooner the residents can tie-in to the Pump Station, the better it will be for the Station to run on a more of a regular basis. Mr. Woods stated to Mr. Feodoroff that he spoke with the Building Commissioner regarding the tying-in of those six residents at Stonegate Landing with the E-1 Pumps. Mr. Feodoroff suggested that he could speak to the Building Inspector. Chairman Joly asked Mr. Kleekamp if the generator was the last item needing to be completed at the Pump Station. Mr. Kleekamp stated that the Station is almost done but he would like to have a meeting with the supplier of the pumps to go over the programming and how the interface works. Mr. Kleekamp stated that he would double check his punch list, but the Station is about 98% completed from an Engineering standpoint. Thomas Ferry asked Mr. Kleekamp if there would be a concern if the six houses tied into sewer before the generator arrives and is installed. Mr. Kleekamp stated that it should not be a concern with the six houses tying in, even if a temporary generator was being used. Supt. Gracia stated that a septic truck, if needed, could also be a back-up before the generator is installed and operating. Dianne Curtis, Office Manager, stated to Mr. Feodoroff, that his contractor, Jeff Tardanico, will need to renew his Drain-Layer's License with the Town of Dighton, as his will be expiring. Mr. Feodoroff thanked The Board and Supt. Gracia for their help and for their time.

Discussion with Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering Re: Forest Hills Estates: The Board, Supt. Gracia, Dianne Curtis and Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering discussed the Forest Hills Project. Mrs. Curtis stated that the Planning Board met regarding Forest Hills. Robert Woods stated that the Public Hearing on this matter has been continued to April 21, 2021. Mr. Woods stated that this is a Conservation Subdivision with 37 homes, off of Forest Street. He also stated that this area already has low water pressure. The Board, Supt. Gracia and Mr. Kleekamp discussed this matter briefly.

Old Business:

Update on Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.) Overflow Tank for Pump Station:

Dianne Curtis, Office Manager, stated to The Board that the last email she received from Dave DeForrest from Gilbane Building Company (on behalf of the B.C.A.H.S.) on March 8, 2021, regarding the status of the Overflow Tank for the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station. Mr. DeForrest stated in the email that a design resubmittal was being worked on for the overflow tank. He also stated, that when these designs are finalized, he will send Samiotes Consultants, Inc. (Engineer for the B.C.A.H.S.) and Justin Gould from Weston & Sampson (Engineer for the Dighton Sewer Dept.) for final approval. Mrs. Curtis stated that as of this Sewer Commissioners Board Meeting, she had not heard from Justin Gould.

Brief Discussion Re: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System: Supt. Harold Gracia and Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering, briefly discussed the SCADA Systems as an option for monitoring the Pump Stations. Mr. Kleekamp suggested that he arrange a meeting with The Board and Supt. Gracia with a colleague of his that specializes in SCADA.

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Harold Gracia stated to The Board that Pride Environmental installed the pump at the Rt. 138 Pump Station. He stated that the job went very well and was happy with the workmanship.

Supt. Gracia stated that he has been cleaning the wet wells at the pump stations, which is still a work in progress. He stated that he needs to get a septic truck at this Pump Station to pump out debris off the bottom at some of the Pump Stations.


Supt. Gracia stated that at the Lincoln Avenue Pump Station, there were Level Control Issues.

Supt. Gracia and Chairman Paul Joly briefly discussed obtaining spare pumps for the Pump Stations.

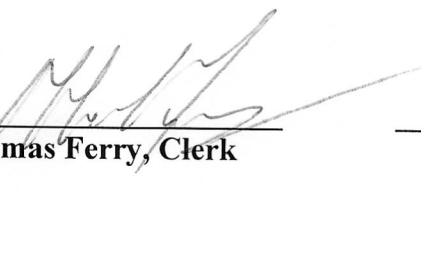
Robert Woods motioned to adjourn at 5:45 P.M.; Thomas Ferry seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

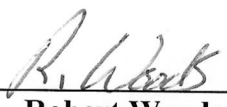
Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.



Paul Joly, Chairman



Thomas Ferry, Clerk



Robert Woods