

**BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2020**  
**January 13, 2020**

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

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

**Review and sign bills.**

**Payroll was signed singularly by Carol Beauregard on 12/16/19, 12/23/19, 12/30/19 and 01/05/20.  
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**Minutes:** Minutes of December 16, 2019 were approved.

**New Business:**

**Discussion Re: Soares Sanitation Pumping, Inc. Bill Due to the Overflow at the B.C.A.H.S. on Dec. 17, 2019:** Supt. Harold Gracia stated to The Board, Dianne Curtis and Justin Gould, Project Manager at Weston & Sampson, that on December 17, 2019, the Water Dept. was performing a discharge at the B.C.A.H.S. and discharged to the pump station, which caused an overflow. J.R. Vinagro Corporation was overseeing this work. Supt. Gracia stated that this was around the Dairy Farm area. He contacted Soares Sanitation Pumping, Inc. to pump out the overflow. There was discussion regarding the responsibility of the bill for the pumping. Mark Lyons from Gilbane Building, Contractor for the B.C.A.H.S. upgrade project, was informed of the bill and he stated that it would be JR Vinagro Corp.'s responsibility and forwarded the bill to them.

**4:30 P.M. Meeting with Justin Gould, Project Manager at Weston & Sampson Re: B.C.A.H.S. Expansion and Pump Station:** Justin Gould, Project Manager at Weston & Sampson, met before The Board to discuss the expansion project at the Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.). Weston & Sampson will be the Engineering company performing the engineering portion of the upgrade project on behalf of the Town of Dighton Sewer Department from this point forward. Supt. Harold Gracia familiarized Mr. Gould on the B.C.A.H.S. upgrade project for the Pump Station portion and the various past issues there. He stated to Mr. Gould that Samiotes Consultants, Inc. has submitted only preliminary plans. Supt. Gracia expressed his concerns with the proposed decreased flow calculations from B.C.A.H.S.'s engineers based on the low-water fixtures and composting toilets that are part of the upgrade in this project, but also about a 40% increase in student and staff population and a lack of reserve capacity. He showed Mr. Gould where the sewer tie-ins are currently. Supt. Gracia stated to Mr. Gould that he has not received any field reports, submittals, etc. at all.

**5:00 P.M. Meeting with Mark Lyons, Gilbane Building and B.C.A.H.S. Superintendent, Adele Sands**

**Re: Construction, Excavation and Inspections Related to Protecting the Integrity of the Current**

**System:** Mark Lyons from Gilbane Building, Contractor for the B.C.A.H.S. expansion project and Adele Sands, Superintendent of Schools at B.C.A.H.S. came before The Board and Supt. Gracia. They both introduced themselves to Justin Gould from Weston & Sampson (The Sewer Dept.'s engineer for this project). Mr. Lyons stated to Mr. Gould details on the progress of the pump station upgrade project at B.C.A.H.S. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Lyons if he has a construction schedule to give to Mr. Gould. Mr. Lyons stated that he did have a schedule. Mr. Lyons also stated that they are on schedule regarding the progress. Supt. Gracia stated to Mr. Lyons that he still has not received or even seen any field/inspection reports or submittals. Mr. Lyons stated that a representative from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. has been at B.C.A.H.S. for some of the field work. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Lyons if the contractors meet regularly. Mr. Lyons stated that there are coordinated construction meetings weekly at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Lyons stated to Mr. Gould that he is welcome to attend any of these meetings. Mr. Lyons stated that there are information items such as minutes from these meetings that he can provide to The Board. There was discussion regarding the 53G Account and how the proponent of the project would be responsible for engineering and any other bills incurred for this project. Supt. Sands explained that she would need the specific costs so that the School Committee would be well informed about costs as they vote on these matters. Mr. Lyons stated that he would email Mr. Gould what has been accomplished for the project and construction schedules. Chairwoman Carol Beauregard discussed the emergency situation at the pump station at B.C.A.H.S. where the station needed to be pumped from Soares Sanitation Pumping, Inc. and who the would be the responsible party for the bill. Mr. Lyons requested that the bill be given to him and he will forward it to J.R. Vinagro who is the appropriate responsible party. Dianne Curtis stated that on February 10<sup>th</sup>, The Board will be meeting with Chuck Samiotes from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. Mrs. Curtis gave drawings, the Large and Small Projects Rules & Regulations and other information regarding the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station to Mr. Gould. Supt. Sands and Mr. Lyons thanked The Board for their time. Supt. Gracia discussed some of his concerns with the projected calculations of flow and other issues to Mr. Gould. There was general discussion regarding Title V's calculations for schools. Mr. Gould and Supt. Gracia discussed the general engineering rates for Weston & Sampson for B.C.A.H.S. project. Mr. Gould is looking for something more scientific and tangible to look at. He will work on a quote for oversight of the project and pump station.

**Town Hall Pump Station Roof:** Commissioner Ferry asked about the poor roof condition at the Town Hall pump station. He will speak with Town Manager Aronstein about the procurement process.

**Discuss Quote from Power Products Re: Town Hall Pump Station Generator:** A quote was received from Power Products regarding the Town Hall Pump Station generator. They recommend replacing the battery cables and loose ends at a cost of \$626.44. Superintendent Gracia will fix it in-house.

**Review Backflow Prevention Device Report from Dighton Water District:** The Board and Supt. Gracia reviewed the Report from The Dighton Water District regarding the Backflow Prevention Device Testing. All Backflow Prevention Device Testing passed.

**2020 Drain-Layers License Renewal Applications for MJD Excavating, Inc. and Vesta Development**

**Corp.:** The Board reviewed Drain-Layer License Renewal Applications for MJD Excavating, Inc. and Vesta Development. Thomas Ferry motioned to accept the Drain-Layers License Renewal requests for both MJD Excavating, Inc. and Vesta Development Corp.; Paul Joly seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

**Old Business:**

**Borrello, 220 Swanee Drive, N. Dighton Re: Request for Abatement:** The Board re-visited the request from Mr. Borrello at 220 Swanee Drive, N. Dighton, for an abatement due to flooding in his cellar. The Board discussed this at their previous Board Meeting (December 16, 2019), but due to the lack of some information, a decision was not made at that meeting.

Thomas Ferry motioned to abate the homeowner of 220 Swanee Drive \$93.08; Paul Joly seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

**Superintendent's Report:** None at this time.

Paul Joly motioned to adjourn at 7:03 P.M.; Carol Beauregard stepped down and seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.

Carol Beauregard  
Carol Beauregard, Chairman

Joe Joly  
Paul Joly, Clerk

Thomas Ferry  
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