

**BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2019**  
**November 4, 2019**

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 10/28 and 11/4/19.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> were approved.

**New Business:**

**4:45 P.M. Chuck Samiotes from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. Re: Design Analysis; Building Permit for B.C.A.H.S.:** Chuck Samiotes from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. and Adele Sands, Superintendent of Schools at Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.), met before The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia to discuss the Design Analysis from AECOM. Mr. Samiotes began by stating that he felt that with previous communications with AECOM and Supt. Gracia were in more agreement with one another. Thomas Ferry asked Mr. Samiotes if he was able to get the original pump station information from Starck Architects. Mr. Samiotes stated he contacted Bill Starck from Starck Architects. He said that Mr. Starck stated to him that the gentleman that designed the B.C.A.H.S. pump station had passed away and that he did not have any of that information. Mr. Samiotes also stated that he emailed Jarrod Trainor and Joe Boccadoro from AECOM regarding that information but has not received a response yet. There was discussion between Mr. Samiotes and Supt. Gracia regarding the size of the wet well in that pump station. Supt. Gracia discussed the peaking factor for the pump station and the Mission Communications System for monitoring which has not been installed yet, so there is no data to obtain yet. Mr. Samiotes stated that even though the current flow meter that is in the pump station is not working, that he is still gaining some valuable information from it. Supt. Sands stated that the Mission Communications System is scheduled to be installed this Thursday, (Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>), which is a good time of year to start to collect data, as it is the peak time of the school year. There was discussion between Supt. Sands and Supt. Gracia regarding flow projections with the new water saving fixtures and increased student population. Supt. Sands stated that she would like to obtain a temporary sign-off on the Building Permit while the meter is gaining data. He suggested that the Occupancy Permit sign-off could be held with the stipulation that The Board of Sewer Commissioners are satisfied with the outcome of the upgraded Pump Station. Supt. Gracia expressed his concerns to Mr. Samiotes with future potential issues with that Pump Station. He also stated to both Mr. Samiotes and Supt. Sands the long process it takes to either fix a pump or order a new one, if needed as an example of potential issues and their consequences. Supt. Sands stated concerns she had with capacity. Paul Joly stated to Supt. Sands and Mr. Samiotes that the Design Analysis will be taken under advisement and will have a decision by the next scheduled Board Meeting.

**Discuss the Mission Communications System for Monitoring at B.C.A.H.S.:** While Chuck Samiotes from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. and Adele Sands, Superintendent of Schools at B.C.A.H.S. were meeting with the Board of Sewer Commissioners and Supt. Gracia, Supt. Sands stated that the Mission Communications System for the monitoring at the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station, is scheduled to be installed this Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Discuss Permission for Sign-Off Sheet for B.C.A.H.S. Building Permit, If Needed:** The Board is tabling the decision for the sign-off of the Building Permit at B.C.A.H.S. until the next scheduled Board Meeting (November 18<sup>th</sup>).

**Specifications for Pumps at B.C.A.H.S. Station, Locate, Discuss:** There was discussion between The Board and Supt. Gracia regarding pump specifications at the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station and concerns with past issues and potential issues in the future. It was discussed to try and obtain hard copies of the specifications of the original pump station.

**Review References on Wright-Pierce; Weston & Sampson and GHD Engineering:** Dianne Curtis stated to The Board and Supt. Gracia that she obtained references for engineering companies that attended the previous Board Meeting (October 21<sup>st</sup>). Mrs. Curtis gave The Board and Supt. Gracia a brief synopsis of references for Wright-Pierce, GHD and Weston & Sampson. Supt. Gracia stated briefly what to look for when choosing an engineer. There was discussion between The Board, Supt. Gracia and Mrs. Curtis of each engineering firm. The Board stated that they would prefer to have two engineering firms to work with. Thomas Ferry motioned to obtain Weston & Sampson and GHD for engineering services for the Town of Dighton Sewer Dept. for future projects; Paul Joly seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.


**Superintendent's Report:**

Supt. Harold Gracia stated that the pump for the Rt. 138 Pump Station is in the station but not yet installed. Supt. Gracia stated that there were alarms at the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station.

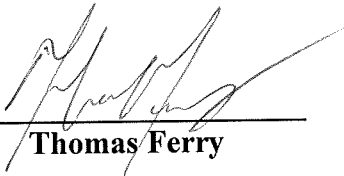
Paul Joly motioned to adjourn at 7:06 P.M.; Thomas Ferry seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.

  
Carol Beauregard, Chairman

  
Paul Joly, Clerk

  
Thomas Ferry