

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2019
October 21, 2019

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

Present: Carol Beauregard, Thomas Ferry, Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis. Paul Joly was not in attendance.

Review and sign bills.

Payroll was signed singularly by Carol Beauregard on 10/15 and 10/21/19.

Minutes: Minutes of October 7th were tabled until the next scheduled Board Meeting

New Business:

Gilbane Building Company Re: Pipe Change at B.C.A.H.S.: David DeForest from Gilbane Building Company and Laura Wernick from HMFH met before The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia regarding pipe change at the Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.). Mr. DeForest reviewed plans with The Board and Supt. Gracia with regards to changing the pipes from the existing 6” to 8”. Mr. DeForest also stated other changes that were being addressed. Supt. Gracia confirmed with Mr. DeForest that Gilbane Building Company is the sub-contractor for the B.C.A.H.S. upgrade project. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. DeForest who would be doing the sewer work. Mr. DeForest stated that the sewer work would be done by J.R. Vinagro, Site Contractor. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. DeForest if J.R. Vinagro is a Licensed Drain-Layer with the Town of Dighton and that if they are not, they would need to become one. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. DeForest who is or who will be inspecting the work. Mr. DeForest stated that there is an inspection agent, Alicja Zukowski, Civil Engineer at Samiotes Consultants, Inc. There was discussion between Supt. Gracia and Mr. DeForest about the specifics of what needs to be done when doing this pipe change. Thomas Ferry asked why the pipe needs to be changed to 8”. Supt. Gracia and Mr. DeForest stated it was due to updates in meeting Code.

Mr. DeForest called Al Corron, a contact person from J.R. Vinagro. Mr. DeForest put Mr. Corron on speaker phone to speak with the Sewer Commissioners and Supt. Gracia. Mr. Corron stated to The Board that he would apply for the Drain-Layers License on behalf of J.R. Vinagro and provide a Bond for the Sewer Dept. Mr. Corron spoke via speaker phone to Supt. Gracia on how the pipes would be put in. Thomas Ferry motioned to approve Al Corron of J.R. Vinagro as a Licensed Drain-Layer, pending he provides the Bond and Permit Application; Carol Beauregard stepped down and seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Review Letter to B.C.A.H.S. Re: Pump Station Design Analysis: Laura Wernick from HMFH had a question for The Board regarding a previous Board Meeting with herself, Chuck Samiotes and AECOM and a potential agreement. Ms. Wernick stated that approximately two weeks prior, she received a letter from The Board stating that further analysis for flow would be needed at B.C.A.H.S. with regards to the upgraded pump station.

Chairwoman Beauregard stated that The Board took it under advisement at that time due to certain aspects of the Draft Contract from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. and The Sewer Dept.'s engineers, AECOM not agreeing. Ms. Wernick stated that a Monitor would be an installed in the B.C.A.H.S. pump station for flow data but has not taken place yet. Ms. Wernick mentioned that she would need the original assessment from AECOM. Ms. Wernick and Supt. Gracia discussed that once the monitor is in, that a few months of data will be needed for an analysis.

Meet with Engineering Firms:

5:00 P.M. Wright-Pierce, Tom Simbro: Tom Simbro from Wright-Pierce met before The Board and Supt. Gracia. Mr. Simbro thanked The Board for inviting him. Mr. Simbro stated some information about Wright-Pierce, including, that they do mostly wastewater, water and some civil work. He stated that they design pump stations and sewer. He stated that they have a staff of 250 people. Mr. Simbro answered questions that The Board, Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis asked him. Mr. Simbro stated that Wright-Pierce is able to handle multiple projects simultaneously. He stated that a representative from Wright-Pierce is able to attend Sewer Commissioner Board Meetings when needed.

5:30 P.M. GHD, Russell Kleekam: Russell Kleekam from GHD introduced himself to The Board and Supt. Gracia. Chairwoman Beauregard briefly explained The Board's engineering needs to Mr. Kleekam. Supt. Gracia spoke about the history of Dighton's Sewer System. He stated that an engineer constructed the Sewer System in 1978 and the System was online in 1984. Mr. Kleekam stated information regarding engineering services at GHD. He stated that the office is local and staffs 17 people. Chairwoman Beauregard asked if GHD has any other local contracts. Mr. Kleekam stated that the closest was Wareham. The Board and Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Kleekam questions. There was brief discussion regarding Grant Writing and GIS Mapping. Chairwoman Beauregard asked if a representative from GHD would be available to attend Sewer Board Meetings when needed, to which Mr. Kleekam stated that they would be available. It was stated that references for GHD are available if The Board and Supt. Gracia requested them. Russell Kleekam thanked The Board and Supt. Gracia.

6:00 P.M. Weston & Sampson, Nathan Michael: Nathan Michael from Weston & Sampson introduced himself to The Board and Supt. Gracia. Chairwoman Beauregard thanked Mr. Michael for coming to the Meeting. She explained to Mr. Michael The Board's engineering needs for Dighton and some background on the Dighton Sewer System. Mr. Michael gave The Board and Supt. Gracia information about Weston & Sampson. Mr. Michael stated that Weston & Sampson has an office in Foxboro which staffs 6 people, however there is also another office in Reading. Mr. Michael stated briefly about Grant information. He stated that a representative would be available for Sewer Board Meetings when needed. He thanked The Board and Supt. Gracia for their time.

Discuss Holding Check for Stonegate Landing 53G Account: Dianne Curtis stated that this check has been held for approximately two months. Mrs. Curtis stated that Atty. Marguerite Mitchell and Zachary Caron, Chairman of Z.B.A. were contacted with regards to the direction of the handling of this check. However, neither Atty. Mitchell or Mr. Caron have responded. The Board decided to deposit the check from Stonegate Landing.

Discussion Re: Engineering Firms: There was brief, general discussion between The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia regarding some of the pros and cons of each of the engineering companies. There was discussion regarding questions to ask each of the engineering companies.

Superintendent's Report:


Supt. Harold Gracia stated that the Mission System has not been installed yet at the Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.).

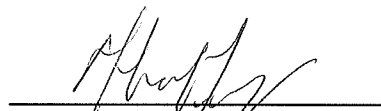
10/17/19 - Supt. Gracia stated that there was a power failure due to high winds and rain at the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station.

Thomas Ferry motioned to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.; Carol Beauregard stepped down as Chair and seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.


Carol Beauregard, Chairman


Thomas Ferry