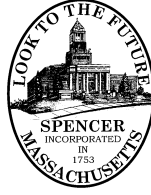


# TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS

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### **Minutes of Meeting held February 17, 2022**

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held at the Water Department, also, broadcast live from the Spencer Water Department, 3 Old Meadow Rd, Spencer, MA. (Documents are on file at the Utilities and Facilities Office)

Members present: Francis "Frank" White  
Lawrence "Larry" Dufault

Sewer staff present: James Laplante, Jr., Supt.  
Debra Graves, Sr Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 2:32pm.

### **Vote to approve Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2022.**

A motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2022 (Larry/Frank) passed 2/0 with a roll call vote: Larry-yes, Frank-yes.

### **Superintendent James LaPlante Reports:**

- Review Monthly Operations Report  
(Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)

### **Budget & Capital Items:**

- Review FY2023 draft budget
- Capital plan, sewer collection system rehabilitation. SSES Project Study complete in June of 2022. Reviewed Wright Pierce proposal of work. Superintendent recommends \$500,000 of retained earnings to be set aside. Larry motion to put \$500,000 aside for reconstruction of collection system, second by Frank, all in favor. Roll call vote Larry-yes, Frank-yes.
- Capital plan FY2023 budgeted \$250,000 for garage would need an addition \$50,000. Larry motion to move \$50,000 from retain earnings to garage fund, second by Frank, all in favor. Roll call vote Larry-yes, Frank-yes.
- Capital plan FY2023 Maintenance of 3 new blowers, warranty for new blower is 5 years, review quotes. Around \$20,000 each would need to overhaul 3 blowers and would like 1 spare. Rebuilt or new for the shelf at a later time. Larry motion to put in for 3 new blowers and a rebuilt blower for spare, second by Frank, all in favor. Roll call vote Larry-yes, Frank-yes.
- Capital plan, discuss new front-end loader for FY2024 (quotes).

Sewer Systems Upgrades:

- Tertiary Building Materials of construction Options. Sewer Commissioners review options. Remove block wall, option 2 building construction (precast structure w/precast exterior wall panels) estimated cost \$3,565,000.
- Discuss American Rescue Plan Act Survey, the form is on the town's website.
- Review SSO Public Notification report. File report, public notification post on website. Coming in affect in June.
- Quaboag (North) Pond Watershed-Based Plan Stakeholder meeting and Data Request. Schedule for Friday 2/25/2022 (water quality issues).

Resident Concerns:

- Rapscallion: review plan for flume installation update, inspection & calibration.
- 17 Cherry St: Would like to convert a 2-family to a 3-family. Additional flow permit, sewer bank fee  $\$1,760 \times 2 = \$3,520$  (I&I).
- Received a letter expressing concerns about the sewer rate increase. Also, review letter that was sent out explaining why the rates are increase.

Public Meeting adjourned at 4:02pm motion by Larry, Second by Frank, all in favor.

*The Board voted and approved minutes on 3/16/2022*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Graves