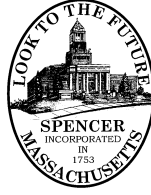


# TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS

## OFFICE OF THE SEWER COMMISSION

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### **Minutes of Meeting held January 11, 2023**

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  
Francis X. White, Jr

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

Others: Jeffrey Bridges, Town Administrator

Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

### **Vote to approve Meeting Minutes December 14, 2022.**

A motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022 (Larry/Frank/Francis, Jr) passed 3/0 with a roll call vote: Larry-yes, Frank-yes, Francis Jr.-yes.

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

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

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

- SSES (Sewer System Evaluation Study) recently completed this study.
- CWMP (Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan) is a complete review of the Treatment Facility and Collection System. This study will identify aging and outdated treatment processes, equipment, and infrastructure. Town Administration would like written information from EPA and DEP should have a map of the service area and define existing limits of the service area.
- Pleasant St: Sewer Superintendent is working with U&F Superintendent on the Pleasant Street sewer point repairs.
- Sewer Bond: Review Clean Water Trust bond schedule also bond amount needs to be added to rate study.
- YSI DO Probes: Wilson Controls specified brand new YSI controller with YSI Dissolved Oxygen Probes to replace the old Hach SC10000 controller.
- Rapscallion Brewery first billing cycle with Wastewater meter started on January 2023 bill.

Sewer Systems Upgrade

- WWTP upgrade, Proposal for Environmental Services:  
Nickerson performed test pits ahead of there excavation for three areas. Excavation one is at the tertiary building tertiary filter site. Second test at the secondary clarifier came back clean. The test at the site on the eastern edge of the site they encountered bunch of evidence burn dump, and soil contaminated soils. Talk to MassDEP if this is a landfill material deal with it through MassDEP solid waste division. Suggest doing more test pits. MassDEP suggest dealing with it has a Massachusetts Contingency Program (MCP). Talk to Nickerson and they have a soil broker estimated contaminated material disposal to be 1.5 M. Proposed 12 new borings and testing, collect soil samples and analyze the soil all contaminated soil will stay on site and be capped. Sewer Commissioner would like a permananet fence around the mound. The goal is to finish this up by the end of March. Larry motion proposal environmental services contingency on approval by Town Counsel and the total of \$82,850.00, second by Frank, all in Favor, Frank Jr. with a roll call vote: Larry-yes, Frank-yes, Francis Jr.-yes.
- Grease Trap: Sewer Commissioner would like the Plumbing Inspector to come to the next meeting. There no grease trap inspection required by the Town. The town only ask for a pumping slip.

Public Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm motion by Larry, Second by Frank, all in Favor, Frank Jr.

*The Board voted and approved minutes on 2/15/2023*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Graves