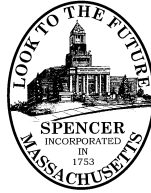


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**OFFICE OF THE**  
**SEWER COMMISSION**

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**Minutes of Meeting held June 17, 2020**

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners,

Audioconference Broadcasted Live from McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA.

Present: James Laplante, Jr., Supt.  
Debra Graves, Sr. Clerk

Dialing in: Francis "Frank" White  
Lawrence "Larry" Dufault  
Michael "Mike" Mercadante  
Bill Krukowski, U&F Superintendent  
Jake, Barnstorm Cycles

Chairman Frank White called the meeting to order at 4:02p.m. and announced the meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, pursuant to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have suspended public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. We are meeting remotely and broadcasting live on Spencer Cable Access to ensure public viewing access. Citizens Input will be a part of the meeting if residents wish to dial in. The meeting is being broadcast live on Spencer Cable Access.

A motion to approve the minutes of February 19, March 3 and April 30, 2020 (Larry/Mike) passed 3/0 with a roll call vote: Larry-yes, Mike-yes, Frank-yes.

Superintendent James Laplante Reports:

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

**Budget & Capital Items:**

- Valley View Dr. (lot 1) – needs to be approved by the Sewer Commissioners. Larry motion to go forward with the connection, second by Mike, all in favor Frank.
- Article for annual Town meeting. Need amount for borrowing for the article. Larry motion 10% above the Tighe-Bond bid amount, second by Frank, Mike not in favor.

Sewer Systems Upgrades:

- Design Bid Review: the design bid team results for the WWTF Engineering Services Bid were a unanimous selection of the Team. Tighe & Bond were selected as the number 1 bidder. Superintendent James LaPlante, and Chairman Frank White asked to have a built in 10% contingency on the borrowing cost. Larry motion to accept Tighe & Bond as the number 1 bidder, Second by Frank, Mike not in favor.
- Carus ULNR Trial original price for research was \$13,422 which the price was reduce to \$8,948. Trial proposes reduction in solids handling up to 25% with a potential savings of up to \$75,000 annually. Commissioners would like to see results from other plants. Larry motion to go forward with the research, second by Frank, Mike not in favor.

Resident Concerns:

- 28 Wall St: Need to fill out Sewer permit and pay for sewer bank fee (10x5=50 / 50x16) \$800.00.
- 6 Maple St: Water leak occurred in the main water line, was not immediately detected. The water flowed onto the dirt cellar floor and none of it found its way in the sewer system. Requesting an abatement on sewer portion of bill. Larry motion to abate \$195.84, second by Frank, Mike not in favor.
- 8 Meadow Rd: Proposal to lease/buy agreement for Brewery. 10 or less employees, added bathroom, 50 to 100 seats indoor & out. Rapsallion Brewery would have to meet with the Sewer Commissioners after formal plans and approvals are made by other boards.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20pm motion by Larry, seconded by Mike and in favor Frank.

*The Board voted and approved minutes on 7/15/2020*