# TOWN OF SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE SEWER COMMISSION

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# Minutes of Meeting held September 16, 2020

Meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners - Audioconference Broadcasted Live from McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA.

Members present: Francis "Frank" White

Lawrence "Larry" Dufault Michael "Mike" Mercadante

Sewer staff present: James Laplante, Jr., Supt.

Debra Graves, Sr. Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

Read and accepted Minutes for August 19, 2020.

A motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2020 (Larry/Frank) passed 3/0 with a roll call vote: Mikeyes, Larry-yes, Frank-yes.

### Superintendent James Laplante Reports:

- Review Monthly Operations Report
- Review Monthly Monitoring Report

(Reports are on file at the Utilities & Facilities Office)

# **Budget & Capital Items:**

Dial in:

- SSES work will require \$292,400 in funding to complete as submitted to MADep.
- Debt schedule Art 15A & 15B are to be paid during our next FY22 alleviating \$78,000 in debt. Also, the CWMP/SSES bond notes for the borrowing of \$450,000 has been paid down with one final payment of \$100,700. Also due in FY22.
- New debt of design borrowing will be \$223,687.50 in FY22. Not including construction which would double our operation expenses in debt alone.

# Sewer Systems Upgrades:

- Tighe & Bond kick off meeting & walk through at Spencer Sewer Plant.
- A Sewer Commissioners and one employee went to Connecticut for a walk through of the plant.

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# Rapscallion Brewery Waste:

- Removal of 3,000 gals a week will probably less (6 days a week). Goes out to the force main and goes right to the sewer plant.
- Need to do removal of I&I (4-1 ratio). video inspection of lateral and flow drain (best to have closed system).

#### Lake Street:

• Long term lease for senior housing (31 units) would like to connect to the sewer system. Developer would be responsible for removal 4-1 ration of I&I. Removal of wipes and other products may need to be addressed. Developer would need to work with consulting engineer (Wright-Pierce). Permitting on project is time sensitive.

# Sugden Building:

• No design flow data has been submitted to the Commissioners from engineering, Also, would need to do removal of I&I (4-1 ratio).

# Sewer Moratorium:

• Sewer Commissioners are considering sewer connection moratorium. Moratorium may have max flow limit for any new or increased flow proposals.

## **Resident Concerns:**

• Bixby Rd: Review Water Commissioners letter agreement. Also, discuss abatement on the sewer. Mike motion not to abatement the sewer portion of the bill, second by Frank, and in favor, Larry.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:22pm motion by Larry, seconded by Frank and in favor Mike.

*The Board voted and approved minutes on 9/22/2020*