



COHASSET SEWER COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

In Attendance: *William McGowan, Chairman*
Wayne Sawchuk, Clerk
Paul Kierce
Brian Joyce
Dan Coughlin
Rod Hoffman

Meeting Open: 10:06am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 10:00am Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 10:30am Executive Session

Sewer Connection Application Fee:

The CSC is considering increasing the application fee to help offset the costs the town incurs for review and inspections of new sewer connections. The sewer applications/connections today are more complex than in the past.

A vote will be taken at next meeting.

Bylaws should include the tear down of buildings to ensure lines are capped off. It should include inspections, resulting in fees.

CSC will work with contract engineering to put a paragraph together.

A vote will be taken at next meeting.

Cooke Estate: Pam Fahey - Town of Cohasset Health Director and Jane Reardon - Cooke Estate President updating CSC on Cooke Estate.

2 out of the 4 leaching fields are in failure. If all 4 leaching fields are failed, there isn't much chance of getting a septic system to work there again. If the bottom 2 fields are ok, there is a chance the upper 2 fields can be replaced at another location on the site. An alternative will be to connect to sewer. It is the Condo Associations decision.

5 wells were put in, water and soil were tested. All the samples didn't show any signs of significant nitrates or fecal in the water. Failure letter showing systems 2 and 3 have failed Janu 6th. There is no evidence that systems 1 and 4 are failing. They are actively exploring all their options working with the town and the sewer commission.

Estimated flow for the whole system is about 7500 gals per day.

All options hinge upon the result of the lower leaching fields.

System is functioning properly.

Jane Reardon will send CSC the engineering data and will revisit next week.

Town Owned Grinder Pump Release Update:

Signed releases and checks for Registry of Deeds are coming in at a steady rate.



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Discussion with homeowner regarding refusal to sign release. The homeowner will still be responsible for their grinder pumps - the town owned program has ended.
If not signed, the easement stays on the deed and will be a hinderance if they want to sell property.

Other Business:

Dave Dwyer, who is part of a Gulf River Group, 70 homeowners abutting the Gulf River - 50/50 split between Cohasset and Scituate, is interested in the potential of sewerage North Scituate and cleaning up the gulf river. He would like to be part of future conversations. CSC will contact him after the joint meeting with Scituate.

380/390 CJC is coming up on the 2 year anniversary of when they should have had a permanent waste solution by April 2021. The owner, Mr. Staszko, was seen dumping hydrogen peroxide into the leaching fields - again. Town Manager is done negotiating with Mr. Staszko.

Brett Rowe from DEP is expecting an update, CSC will contact Pam Fahey, with update, on Wednesday, March 10.

Bill McGowan motions to go into Executive Session:

Exemption #3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Commission will discuss sewer connections.

Roll Call Vote

Bill McGowan - Aye

Wayne Sawchuk - Aye

Paul Kierce - Aye

Motion by Sewer Commission Wayne Sawchuk to adjourn, seconded by Sewer Commission member Bill McGowan and Paul Kierce.

Roll Call Vote:

Bill McGowan - Aye

Wayne Sawchuk - Aye

Paul Kierce - Aye

Meeting Adjourned: 10:37am

The Cohasset Sewer Commission Adjourns regular business and will now go into Executive Session