



COHASSET SEWER COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

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

Meeting Open: 10:02am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 @ 10:00am Regular Meeting

Approval of 3/16/21 Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Bill McGowan Motions to approve minutes from 3/16/21: Wayne Sawchuk seconds. All in favor

Historical Society Request:

In March of 2002, the Cohasset Historical Society entered a covenant restricting water use in exchange for waiving the betterment charge at the Maritime Building(s) (on Elm St in the village). The restriction can be lifted with the payment of the betterment plus interest. They plan on opening the building(s) as a museum in June 2021 and would like to connect to sewer. The plan is to connect one bathroom for volunteer use when the museum is open. They are asking the sewer commission to release the restriction and waive the betterment.

MOTION: Bill McGowan motions to connect the historical society to sewer without charge and cancel the betterment

Paul Kierce seconds. All in Favor

Sewer Connection process:

A local contractor was told by the building inspector that the sewer connection has to be installed, including pump, prior to having a framing inspection. Is this a new building department requirement? Dan Coughlin responded that it usually isn't a requirement. You run the risk of damaging the pump, if the connection and installation of grinder pump is done too early.

Brian Joyce replied they are required to have fully designed sewer plans prior to doing any work. Brian will talk to John Halin, building inspector, this may be a requirement because some building permits have been issued prior to approval of a sewer connection. John Halin, building inspector, will be invited to the next sewer meeting.

Bill McGowan notes that only the Sewer Commission or the Sewer Commission Admin should be signing for sewer for building permits.



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Preparation for Advisory Committee:

The Sewer Commission is discussing the document that will be used for Advisory Committee meeting on April 1, showing the reason requesting a rate increase. Electricity, WWTP Operations and Maintenance change, etc.

Other Business:

Consultant engineering service contract with consultant engineer and members of the commission. Start, End and Costs of each project. Exhibit A in contract will be used for each project. Sewer Commission would like to track work orders with invoices.

Elm Street Corridor Water Project: the corridor itself will be redesigned and repaved soon. Brian Joyce recommending doing sewer work in this section of sewer, as there may be some cost savings by doing it at the same time as the water project. Last I/I report, shows I/I in this older section of Elm St. There is \$170,000 left in I/I account. Design work (for water project) is being done now and they are hoping to break ground in late summer, early fall. Bids going out in June.

Current design is running a parallel water main then abandoning the old one. If sewer not done at same time there is a risk the clay sewer pipe may get damaged. We know there is I/I we can do an extensive project with a liner or just replace the worst sections. The line on Elm St. is pretty good shape, however, there may be some cracks. Brian Joyce will look at the manhole covers in this area, we may still have some watertight manhole covers from that project. Area on Margin St that floods out could have some leaks. Water Dept is in the conceptual plan for the water line. The other thing to consider is the moratorium on newly paved roads which is 20 Years (5 year no dig moratorium to begin with). We may need to tap into the I/I capital. Estimating that \$70,000 - \$100,000 worth of work to be done in the Elm Street corridor that could be done at same time as the water project. If we build in the bid items we may potentially need, then we won't be paying any change orders.

Ideally, the utilities get done this year.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:55am

MOTION: Bill McGowan motions to adjourn, Paul Kierce seconds. All in favor