



COHASSET SEWER COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

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

Meeting Open: 10:03am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 @ 10:00am Regular Meeting

Approval of 4/27/21 Meeting Minutes:
Approval at next meeting 5/25/21

National Grid Demand Response Program Discussion:

National Grid Incentive Program: National Grid will give a credit to WWTF sewer account for shutting down power (and using generator) during peak use periods, a few time during June - September for 2-3 hours between 2pm - 7pm

Upside: Running the generator periodically, improves it's functionality. Running a load test on the generator would be good practice also, we don't do this on a regular basis. You can unsubscribe anytime. National Grid will subsidize generator improvements (other incentive programs didn't have this).

Downside: Biggest concern is noise from the generator (neighbor complaints).

BJ will invite Mike Skinner (National Grid Rep) to next meeting to give more detailed information and answer questions. A few questions to start.

Is there a minimum credit for being in the program?

Do we get penalized for not shutting down when asked?

Schools, Town, Water and Sewer are all looking at this program. Sewer has the most to gain.

Find out from W&C if they have any concerns about the current condition/operation of the generator.

Also find out if they are run on a periodic basis and if there are any regular scheduled maintenance items.

Deadline is 5/31/2021

MOTION: Wayne Sawchuk Motions to investigate and signup for this program, Bill McGowan seconds - all in favor.

NPDES Permit Public Comment Discussion:

Nitrogen permit. PK: talked about drafting our own letter. DC had about 5 items to consider commenting on in the letter - refer to email from DC dated 5/6/21 .

1. PFAS
2. WET Testing - ours has been great since day 1 (no toxicity)



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3. MCZM Consistency Review
4. Emergency notification of MA DMR with 4 hours may not be doable in emergency situation in middle of night or weekend (talk to W&C)
5. 2 year video and dive inspection requirement. - they want every 2 years but that seems excessive. Once every 5 years or within the permit period would be good

DC will draft letter for submittal for comment.

I/I update:

BJ has not received report on camera work yet, but heard initial reports that is wasn't as bad as previously expected. We are waiting on the report and cost estimate.

The plan is for W&C to do the spec, measurement, payment and bid, which will be added to the water contract. Discussion on capital item budget for I/I. They camera'd the main laterals coming down from Stevens but not the up the house laterals - just the laterals in the right of way. The problem is next to the police/fire station coming down from the housing authority.

Diab Lane update:

Sewer application approved last meeting, approval letter sent to owner, he has until September 16, 2021 to make the connections. If these lots (3, 9, & 15 Daib Lane) are not connected to sewer by September 16, 2021, the owner has to re-apply and the cost of the connection will be at the current rate for new connections (as of today it is \$37,500 for 1 EDU - 4 bedrooms).

Town Owned Grinder Pumps:

Rod Hoffman sent a summary out. Most of the reminders went out. 100 people haven't responded, they will get the reminder letter. The vendors were put on notice that the program is ended. The letter clearly stated that the program ended. . 8 FR Mahony invoices, adding up to \$6,000 came in after March 31. Invoices will be sent to property owners. If property owners don't pay FR Mahony in 30 days, the sewer dept will pay it and a lien will be put on property to recover the cost. RH will check into this. WS asked if this can be added to the next quarterly bill as a fee. For the ones that are not responding to the letters that are currently sent out. A 3rd letter will be sent saying its done. Once we get into new fiscal year July 1 this should be done.

Engineering Service Contract:

Bill McGowan motions to approve the revised engineering contract, Wayne Sawchuk seconds - all in favor. The only thing missing is issuing PO's on specific tasks.

Sewer Application, Connection/Disconnection and Modified Use Permit Policies:

Bill McGowan motions to approve the revised engineering contract, Wayne Sawchuk seconds - all in favor.

Other Business: Letter from Attorney DeLisi, Rod Hoffman is reviewing it and will send comments to sewer commission. Add CJC to next meeting agenda.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:58am

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