

Burrillville Sewer Commission  
Regular Meeting of 04-10-2007  
Board Room of the BWWTF

Members Present: Don C. Wolfe, Chairman  
Wallace F. Auclair, Vice Chairman  
Scott P. Rabideau, Secretary

Also Present: Walter J. Kane, Attorney for the Commission  
William Skerpan Jr., Beta Group, Inc.  
John Martin III, Superintendent  
Wallace Lees, Town Council Liaison  
Richard Bernardo, Director, DPW  
Kevin Cleary, DPW  
Bob Richards, Facilities Manager, School Department  
Bruce Rylah – Union Pond  
Peg Franklin – Office Manager  
Stacey Richard – Financial Aide

Mr. Wolfe opened the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

**Agenda Item** – Question of acceptance of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2007.

**Voted** – Motion by Mr. Rabideau to dispense with reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2007 and accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

Mr. Bernardo stated that a plan for work to be completed at Bella's Restaurant has been completed and the next step is to get an estimate from the contractor.

**Voted** – Motion by Mr. Rabideau to accept the plan and forward it to Mr. Skerpan so he may contact the contractor for an estimate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

**Correspondence:**

**07-10-59** – Letter from Patriot Site, Inc. regarding Contract 19A-2.

**Discussion** – Mr. Skerpan stated that anyone that requests paperwork associated with South Shore Utility should be documented and they should incur the cost for the printing and mailing fees as well.

**Voted** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to receive and file the letter and to let the office manager proceed with preparing the documentation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair,

**07-10-60** – Letter from Russell Knibb regarding road condition of East Wallum Lake Road, Pascoag

**Discussion** – Mr. Bernardo stated the section of East Wallum Lake Road the Mr. Knibb is referring to is in this summer's capital budget.

**Voted** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to receive the letter and place on file.

**07-10-61** – Letter from Dennis Tetreault of 133 Rock Ave, Pascoag regarding sewer use charge.

**Voted** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to authorize Mrs. Franklin to send Mr. Tetreault a letter outlining the parameters for which the Commission could consider the second half of his duplex not habitable. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

**07-10-62** – Letter from Steven Welford, Superintendent of Schools, regarding Middle School sewer connection.

**Discussion** – Mr. Skerpan stated that a timeline is important with this work because the work will hopefully be completed during the summer months when there isn't any school. Mr. Wolfe asked if the school committee was considering connecting the administrative building. Mr. Richards stated that would depend on the cost of connecting the school.

**Voted** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to accept the request of the school department and to direct the consultants to proceed accordingly. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

**Correspondence from Building Official regarding demolition of home located at 290 Whipple Ave, Oakland – Owner requesting abatement of sewer use bill.**

**Voted** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to abate the sewer use bill based on the fact that the building has been demolished. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

**Agenda Item – Presentation of Superintendent's Budget Proposal  
Set Dates of Public Hearings**

Mr. Martin presented the highlights from the proposed Operations and Maintenance Budget for FY 2007/2008. There was some discussion regarding the increase in the sewer use charge.

**Voted** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to hold a workshop regarding the budget on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 9:00 AM, a public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, prior to the regular meeting, and another public hearing on the budget on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

**Agenda Item – Discussion relative to RI DEM Meeting of 03/15/07  
Superintendent’s Proposed language change to Rules and Regulations regarding  
Article VII**

**Discussion** – Mr. Martin stated there are still issues with grease and oil limits from LaGinestra. There was some discussion as to the cost of the tests. Mr. Kane stated the Commission could tell LaGinestra what the tests are that they require and ask them for a breakdown on the cost of them. The Commission asked Mr. Skerpan to rewrite Section III of Article VII.

**Voted** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to continue this matter until the first Commission meeting in June at which time a workshop will be established. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

**Attorney’s Report:**

Mr. Kane reported that he had spoken with Mrs. Franklin regarding the Town Manager’s request for assessment figures and they had come up with a figure.

**Voted** - Mr. Rabideau made a motion to authorize Mrs. Franklin to send a letter to Mr. Wood regarding the betterment assessments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

**Engineer’s Report:**

Mr. Skerpan reported that all of the manholes for the Glendale drainage system have been excavated and the roadways have been patched. Mr. Auclair stated he had spoken with a few of the residents in the New Village area and they stated their water problems had been resolved. Mr. Skerpan reminded the Commission of the deadline for the residents to disconnect their sump pumps from the sewer system. Mr. Skerpan also stated the DPW should be contacted regarding storm drains once the Commission receives approval from DEM to redirect the drainage system into the Clear River.

**Change Order No. 2** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 \$58,300.00. Mr. Auclair seconded the motion.

**Payment Application # 9** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to approve payment application # 9 in the amount of \$94,013.77. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

Mr. Skerpan then reported that the contractor is ready to begin construction again on Contract 19B-1 and the sewer line on Spring Lake Road is being laid out.

Mr. Skerpan reported that the review for Union Pond had been completed. There was some discussion regarding the connections for Harrisville Village. Mr. Skerpan stated he had spoken with the owners from Harrisville Village regarding the new law for the check valves. The Commission asked Mr. Skerpan to provide a letter, to be placed on next month's agenda, which can be sent to the licensed drainlayers regarding the new law for the check valves.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Martin presented the Superintendent's report for the month of March.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Month of March 2007

1. OPERATIONS:

A.	<u>Influent to Treatment Facility :</u>	M.G.	<u>Date Occurred</u>
	Average daily flow	0.8966	N/A
	Maximum daily flow	1.1920	26-Mar
	Minimum daily flow	0.6310	01-Mar
B.	<u>Biochemical Oxygen Demand :</u>	Percent removal	Average Concentration
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 30.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	96.8%	6.0
C.	<u>Total Suspended Solids :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 30.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	97.8%	6.8
D.	<u>Total Phosphorus :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 1.00 mg/l
	Facility achieved	90.3%	0.47
E.	<u>Total Ammonia :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 31.5 mg/l
	Facility achieved	17.1%	20.6
F.	<u>Disposed Sludge :</u>		
	Dry Tons disposed of	28.36	
	Number of loads removed	22	
	Average dry tons/load	1.29	

2. COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATIONS:

There was one call-in at the Beach Rd. ejector station. Alarm was reset and station returned to normal operation.

**Voted** – Mr. Rabideau made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Wolfe asked Mr. Martin to send the 20 year projection plan to the Town Manager and the Town Planner and invite their comment on it.

**Assessment/User Charge Write Offs:**

Mr. Rabideau made a motion to the two user charge write offs in the amount of \$695.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Rabideau made motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Richard  
Financial Aide