COHASSET SEWER COMMISSION
Friday, May 8, 2020 at 10:00 am
ZOOM Meeting

Attendees:
William McGowan, Chairman
John Beck, Vice Chairman
Wayne Sawchuk
Brian Joyce
Dan Coughlin
Michelle Leary
Don Piatt
Christopher Senior
Lisa McGonigle

Meeting Open: 10:00am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 @ 10:00am

Regional Sewer Discussion: Unanimous vote of disagreement with terms and conditions in letters from Hull and Scituate as is, more data is needed. Would like discussions to continue. Main concerns are: 1. Loss of control of sewer flow from Hull and Scituate. 2. No Cost Incentives and 3. Environmental Incentive has not been addressed to satisfaction. There aren’t any great advantages presented for Cohasset. The letters should be answered by Christopher Senior based on Sewer Commission notes of concern.

Governance Issues and Reporting Requirements: Brian Joyce will report to Wayne Sawchuk on all day to day issues with the membrane replacement. SC would like to show W&C crew appreciation for all their hard work, with a cookout - TBD.

CJC: Sewer Connection Agreement from Dan Coughlin, did not have the Sewer Privilege Connection Fee included. Once finalized it will be sent to the Attorneys. Vertex and Staszko should take another look at the flows.
De Lisi: Target to occupy is late fall 2020. Looking for swift vote from SC to approve connection. Looking for general framework of how an agreement might work.
Dan Coughlin will update agreement letter/document. Sewer Commission can individually review and comment. Discussion will continue at next meeting.

Sewer Plant Membrane Update: Michell Leary: 4 cassettes of second train are fully assembled. The second train is scheduled to ship next week (May 12) via airfreight (which Suez will pay for). They will regroup with Scott on Monday for delivery. They want Craig to be onsite when they are scheduled for delivery. Arrival vs. Installation discussion. Invoices were paid with 10% of cost held back for 1st train
and 10% of second train will be held back to make sure everything is installed properly etc. electrical drawings, owner manual updated and actual contract is closed out. We should plan to have a face to face discussion with Suez regarding the whole process (bumps along). Week of May 27th installation.

**Sewer Diversion:** initial trial diversion: Nov-Dec. ramped up to max amount. Invoice ready for vote. Recent diversion March 30 - April 8th - flowing everything to Hull. There was a break on April 8 and both valves were left open (flow would go through path of least resistance) through April 24th. Master meter readings will be the basis for billing for 2nd diversion. Submit for FEMA and MEMA reimbursement from this pandemic. They may only give us 75% of what is submitted but may take a year or 2 to get reimbursement. We have money in retained earnings to cover this diversion. We are close to our year-end target. General fund we are estimating a decrease in revenue due to pandemic. Voted unanimous in favor of March 30 draft letter to Hull.

**Grinder Pump Program:** Spend time with Don Piatt to look at historical data. Work with Town of Cohasset Attorney to end the grinder pump program and come up with a plan and document to stop the program before next quarterly billing. John Beck to work with Don Piatt.

**Other Business:** Bill Polito (property owner) and Stephen Bjorkland (wants to help the Polito’s with two sewer tie ins. from 26 Lamberts Lane property to Hull St. connection - has been denied a connection approval because of lack of drawings. They also must get approval from Hingham since that side of area is on Hingham sewer line. Both lots are for sale to be sold together, the reconfiguration may be determined by the buyer of the property. The owner of 26 Lamberts lane must submit sewer application for approval by sewer commission.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:58 am