



PSC MEETING MINUTES OF September 11, 2023

In Attendance: John Struzziery, Sewer Department
 Tom Molinari, Sewer Department
 Cathy Joaquim, Sewer Department
 Cindy Borges, Resident

Commissioners: Rick Mattila
 Peter Pyclik
 B. Scott Taylor

Meeting called to order @ 4:04 p.m. by Rick Mattila.

PSC Minutes of June 12, 2023

Scott Taylor made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Peter Pyclik seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

FY23 Year-End Budget Review

The Commission reviewed the FY23 Year-End Budget. Peter and Rick had questions about FY23 billing revenue. There was a discussion about the encumbrances created at the end of the fiscal year to pay for the sewer collapse at Nantasket Avenue and Edgewater Road as well as other items.

FY24 YTD Budget Review

The FY24 YTD Budget was reviewed. The first billing of FY24 is due on September 14th. The Commissioners suggested that a percentage column be added to the spreadsheet that would make it easier to compare spending to the date in the fiscal year and determine how the department is doing relative to the budget. Cathy will add the column for the next Commission Meeting packet.

Projects Update

John introduced Tom Molinari, the new Assistant Director, to the Commissioners. Tom gave a brief overview of his experience and background. The Commissioners welcomed Tom to Hull and congratulated him on his new position.

John said that Tom will be focusing heavily on collection system projects as well as the projects at the plant.

John told the Commission about the following projects:

- We are waiting to hear from FEMA about the \$10M Nantasket Avenue Seawall Project.
- The FEMA Berm Project has been delayed for review.
- The HVAC Project is not fully complete. The Construction Superintendent is going through the punch list. The project is expected to be fully complete by the end of September 2023.

- The Influent Upgrade Project is underway at the plant.
- The Pump Station 9 Replacement Project's Bidding Documents were being reviewed by the EPA. We expect to bid the project in mid-October 2023.
- The Ocean Outfall Project's bid opening is September 20, 2023.

Grants Update

The Commission reviewed the grant summary that was in their meeting packet. Most of the items listed in the Projects Update are listed in the grant summary; the Berm Project, the HVAC Project, Pump Station 9 Replacement, and the Ocean Outfall Project.

Property Transfer Inspection Update

Rick mentioned that this agenda item was requested at the June Sewer Commission Meeting to be put on all future Sewer Commission Meeting agendas until September 2024 when we will have more information from the DEP about the status of our Asset Management Grant submission. This grant would allow the Sewer Department to do the sewer lateral inspections in the Town instead of requiring residents selling their property to do the inspections before their closing as the Property Transfer Inspection Policy would have required. John said he felt that we have a good chance of getting this grant as a representative from the DEP encouraged us to apply for it.

John said we had the SSES (Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Surveys) done about 3 years ago. This was a baseline summary of the condition of the sewer pipes in Town. Asbestos cement pipes (such as the one at the Nantasket Avenue and Edgewater Road break in June 2023) will be a focus of the new inspections.

New Business

Peter Pyclik, who is the Sewer Commission's representative for the Town's Climate Change Sub-Committee, asked John if the main committee had a chance to meet since the spring meeting. John said the Town Departments have been working on some imminent projects but they are very focused on climate change and ways to adapt and protect Hull from the changing climate.

The Commission praised John and the Sewer Department for the newsletter that is created each quarter called Sewer Works. They found it very informative. John said that the department has received many calls and emails with similar feelings from the residents.

Rick informed the Commission that a settlement had been reached with Suez for the Wastewater Treatment Facility's failure in 2013. The settlement will have to be ratified by the Select Board before settlement funds become available. John will keep the Commission updated on this.

Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.