

## Town of Hingham



# Hingham Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Harold called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Members Present**

Stephen Harold, chair; Kirk Shilts and Clark Frazier

### **Staff Present**

Liz Welch, DPW Office Manager; J.R. Frey, Town Engineer; and Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator

### **Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2022**

**Vote:** Mr. Frazier moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2022 as drafted; seconded by Mr. Harold and VOTED (roll call):

*members in favor: Harold and Frazier*

*members opposed: none*

*Dr. Shilts was absent*

*Dr. Shilts joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.*

### **Sewer Articles for Town Meeting Warrant**

Mr. Frazier explained he had gathered information on the 2018 Article for the improvements to the Rt. 3A gravity main from Shipyard Drive to the MWRA pumping station. He wants to make sure we allocate enough to finish the 2018 project. Mr. Frazier would also like to see the Rt. 3A force main replacement done as well from Downer Avenue to the gravity system at Shipyard Drive on Rt. 3A. He said the preferred option would be to build the new main and keep the old as back up. Mr. Frazier stated the Commission can do two separate Articles or put into one Article.

Dr. Shilts recommends to move forward on the gravity main part of the 3A upgrade. He said he wants to complete the capital project that was promised our residents back in 2018. After that we can deal with the force main capital project and also our resiliency plan.

Ms. Monsegur explained that the Commissions needs to submit a placeholder by tomorrow if they want an Article in this year's Town Meeting. All that needs to be submitted is the question, no dollar amount or background is required. She said Town Counsel drafted one for the Rt. 3A project that was earlier emailed to the Commissioners.

Mr. Frazier stated that he had also written an Article that he sent out before the meeting today. Ms. Monsegur read both Town Counsel's and Mr. Frazier's draft Articles.

**Vote:** Dr. Shilts moved to affirm last week’s vote to submit an Article for 2023 Town Meeting and that it says “Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay for the costs of designing, permitting, constructing and or improving the main sewer line and appurtenances thereto located in the Route 3A highway, or act on anything relating thereto? (Inserted at the request of the Sewer Commission)”; seconded by Mr. Frazier and VOTED (roll call):

*members in favor: Harold, Shilts and Frazier*

*members opposed: none*

### **Scheduling:**

The Commission listed a number of items that they want to get information on and discuss in the near future.

- Jordan Way private sewer system; Private Sewer System Policy
- Number of bedrooms in Cohasset that flow through our sewer pump station; WRSD Capacity
- Discussion of upcoming capital projects and scheduling
- Staff, along with consultants, should come up with cost to finish the Rt. 3A force main/resiliency study
- Information on how to fix the dip in the sewer main on North Street

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

**Vote:** Dr. Shilts moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.; seconded by Mr. Frazier and VOTED (roll call):

*members in favor: Harold, Shilts and Frazier*

*members opposed: none*

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Welch  
DPW/Sewer Office Manager

### ***Documents reviewed during public meeting:***

- *Meeting agenda 1/19/23*
- *Draft minutes of 12/15/22*
- *Draft Rt. 3A Town Meeting Article, J. Coughlin*