

Sewer Commission

January 21, 2026

Present:

- Sewer Commission: Mr. Clark Frazier, Chair; Mr. Joe Fisher and Dr. Richard Eisen
- Mr. Russell Tierney, Water & Sewer Superintendent
- Ms. Liz Welch, DPW Office Manager

Call to order:

7:03 pm: Chair Frazier called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes dated December 17, 2025, seconded by Dr. Eisen.

Weston & Sampson Hingham OM Amendment #1

Mr. Tierney explained that we have not renewed our repair services contracts as we are in the process of working on combining sewer, water and drain into one repair services contract. This addendum allows Weston & Sampson to bill us for the alternate services until we have our repair services contract in place.

Mr. Fisher suggested in the future that we should also have the original contract so they can see what the addendum has changed. He noted that the CPI is usually 2.7% or 3% and this addendum has 5%, which is high. Mr. Tierney said this is happening with all our vendors.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the Weston & Sampson Hingham O&M Amendment #1, seconded by Dr. Eisen.

Sewer FY27 Operations and Capital Budgets

Mr. Tierney presented the projected 5-year Capital Budget Summary. The total for the five years is 4.2 million which approximately \$700,000 to \$800,000 per year is. He tried to keep FY27 under the \$800,000 due to the debt services. He also increased the I&I. These are projects are ones that we want to complete. If others come up that need to be completed sooner these projects will change.

Mr. Tierney presented the FY27 Operating Budget. These numbers are up about 3% due to inflation.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the Operating Budget and authorize Mr. Tierney to present to the Select Board, seconded by Dr. Eisen.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the FY27 Capital Budget and authorize Mr. Tierney to present to the Capital Outlay Committee, seconded by Dr. Eisen.

Abatelements

Ms. Welch presented the December sewer bill abatements for 199 Lincoln Street, 101 Amesbury Drive, 56 Bradley Hill Road, 67 Elm Street and 5 Charles Everett Way.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the submitted December sewer abatements; seconded by Dr. Eisen. As presented.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Tierney wanted to notify the Commission that Weston & Sampson is doing a great job.

Broad Cove Station having two new pumps installed.

Joint Meeting with the Board of Health – February 11, 2026 or February 25, 2026

The Board of Health would like to have public meeting with the Sewer Commission to discuss sewer expansion and what the plans are in the future for sewer. They would also like to speak with the Commission about Worlds End.

The meeting would take place on February 25, 2026 at 7:00pm. The Board of Health will create the agenda and send specific documents or information for us to review. The Commission suggested doing a site visit on areas they would like to focus on.

Meeting Schedule

The next scheduled meeting dates are March 11, 2026 and June 17, 2026.

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm; seconded by Dr. Eisen.

The Sewer Commission meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Documents:

1. Minutes – 12/17/25
2. Weston & Sampson O & M Amendment #1
3. Draft Sewer Department Presentation
4. Draft Operations Budget – FY24 through FY27
5. Sewer 5-year Capital Budget Summary – FY27