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TOWN OF EDGARTOWN BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2019

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. Glen S. Searle, Chairman
Mr. Scott Ellis, Commissioner
Mr. Sean E. Murphy, Commissioner

EWWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. David Thompson, Facilities Manager
Mrs. Pia Webster, Administrative Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Edgartown Waste Water Treatment Facility, located at 330 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, Mass. At 4:00 p.m. Chairman Glen S. Searle called the meeting to order. Also present from the Board were Waste Water Commissioners Scott Ellis and Sean E. Murphy.

OLD BUSINESS:

VOTES: DELEGATE RESPONSE TO OPEN MEETING LAW REQUESTS, APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS TO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF TOWN COUNSEL.

Administrative Assistant Pia Webster related that she had just spoken to the Chairman, who had met earlier in the day with Town Administrator James Hagerty, and that it would be necessary for the Board to vote on five separate motions, one for each of the five Open Meeting Law Complaints filed by Catherine Clairmont. Commissioner Murphy interjected that since a step required prior to such votes was that the Chairman disseminate the complaints to the members of the Board, the Commissioners should acknowledge that they had all received copies of the complaints. All three Commissioners indicated they had received copies.

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to delegate the response to the Kager-Clairmont Open Meeting Law Complaint of December 19, 2018 to the Town Administrator, with the assistance of Town Counsel and the Facilities Manager, with Commissioner Ellis providing a second. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to delegate the response to the Kager-Clairmont Open Meeting Law Complaint of December 26, 2018 to the Town Administrator, with the assistance of Town Counsel and the Facilities Manager, with Commissioner Murphy providing a second. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to delegate the response to the Kager-Clairmont Open Meeting Law Complaint of December 27, 2018 to the Town Administrator, with the assistance of Town Counsel and the Facilities Manager, with Commissioner Ellis providing a second. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to delegate the response to the Kager-Clairmont Open Meeting Law Complaint of December 28, 2018 to the Town Administrator, with the assistance of Town Counsel and the Facilities Manager, with Commissioner Murphy providing a second. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to delegate the response to the Kager-Clairmont Open Meeting Law Complaint of December 29, 2018 to the Town Administrator, with the assistance of Town Counsel and the Facilities Manager, with Commissioner Ellis providing a second. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

“And again for the record, we all received copies of the complaints and have reviewed them prior to our votes,” stated Commissioner Murphy.

NEW BUSINESS:

VOTE: SYNAGRO NORTHEAST ANNUAL CONTRACT RENEWAL.

Facilities Manager David Thompson explained that the Synagro Northeast agreement was a three-year contract with annual renewals. The renewal came up on July 1, but the language of the contract stipulated that the Board vote on it the preceding January. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to renew the Synagro Northeast contract for another year, beginning July 1, 2019, seconded by Chairman Searle. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VOTE: HOWLAND DISPOSAL SERVICES ANNUAL CONTRACT RENEWAL.

Mr. Thompson continued that the Department’s contract with Howland Disposal Services for the transport of sludge cake from the Facility to the Synagro plant also required an annual renewal. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to renew the Howland Disposal Services contract for another year, beginning July 1, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

REPORT: JANUARY 9, 2019 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

Mr. Thompson remarked that with regard to the FY20 Operating Budget, the Financial Advisory Committee seemed to like what they were hearing, even with a two percent increase in expenditures. Also discussed had been the Department's transfer request of \$28,800.00 from the Reserve Fund to cover the cost of water services for four residences on Donaldbin Close. Any resolution of this matter had been deferred until at least the following Monday, he said, when the Commission would meet in Special Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Water Commission.

There was a brief discussion regarding whether the Waste Water Commission would have to adjourn a meeting within the Selectmen's Meeting (it would not). Then the talk turned to the purpose of the joint meeting and the recent developments in the Donaldbin Close matter.

The last three items under New Business were tabled until after the Special Joint Meeting with the Selectmen.

ADJOURNMENT

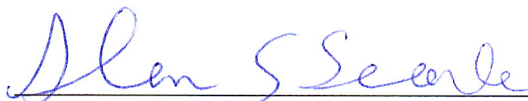
There being no further business, Chairman Searle asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pia Webster
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN



Glen S. Searle, Chairman



Scott Ellis, Commissioner



Sean E. Murphy, Commissioner