



# TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

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## TOWN OF EDGARTOWN BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 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

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Henry R. Fauteux, Jr., 9 Duarte Circle  
Mr. Sergio E. Racig, Vineyard Haven  
Mr. E. Douglas Sederholm, Attorney, 3 Mariner's Landing

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. at a special location, in the Board Room on the second floor of the Edgartown Public Library, 26 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:**

#### **POSSIBLE DISCUSSION: RESPONSE FROM TOWN COUNSEL TO REQUEST RELATIVE TO ACTIONS ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN BY BOARD REGARDING DUARTE CIRCLE WASTEWATER LINES.**

Chairman Searle asked Commissioner Murphy if he had heard any news from Town Counsel regarding the Board's request for advice as to their options with regard to the Duarte Circle

wastewater line proposals, specifically, what rights the Board had with respect to the Kager-Clairmont approval and to any future approval of the proposal from the Duarte Circle Homeowner Group. Commissioner Murphy replied that in speaking to Town Counsel that morning, he had learned that they had not rendered an opinion yet and had suggested that they would probably do so in the next week or so.

The Chairman stated to those in attendance that the Commissioners were unable to discuss the Duarte Circle Sewer Extensions matter, since they had not received an opinion from Town Counsel. When the Board did hear from Town Counsel, everyone would be informed and a Special Meeting would be held to address that subject. The Chairman then made a motion to table the matter until further notice, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The three members of the public in attendance exited the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**VOTE: AWARD OF DONALDBIN CLOSE WATER SERVICES CONTRACT.**

On the recommendation of the Town's Chief Procurement Office, related Facilities Manager David Thompson, he had structured the quote for the Donaldbin Close water services on a per-residence basis. Farrissey Tele-Comm Inc. of Oak Bluffs had bid it as a straight \$7,200-per-residence quote for all four, totaling \$28,800.00; while Fenner Construction of Chilmark had broken it down residence by residence, coming in much higher.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Thompson clarified with Commissioner Ellis that the price of \$7,200.00 per residence offered by Farrissey covered tying in the line to the street main, shooting it to the house and tying it into the house.

The Facilities Manager proposed that the contract be awarded to Farrissey Tele-Comm Inc. Commissioner Ellis moved that the Board award the Donaldbin Close Water Services Contract to Farrissey Tele-Comm Inc, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**FACILITIES MANAGER'S REPORTS.**

Facilities Manager Thompson reported that the Department had received its new discharge permit. That renewal had been contingent upon the completion of the Condition Assessment, the Capital Improvement Plan and the Inflow & Infiltration (I/I) Study. The Draft I&I Study Conclusions had also contained positive news for the Department about its Dock Street manhole system.

December had been an interesting month insofar as dealing with all of the issues raised by the Kager-Clairmont matter and its referral to Town Counsel, said Mr. Thompson. In other news the Department had run its first fecal coliform on the new UV system. "Zero, nothing," said Mr. Thompson, "so it's an improvement over what we had before."

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<sup>1</sup> Fenner Construction's quotes for the four residences were \$9,796.00; \$13,094.14; \$30,858.43; and \$13,967.52, totaling \$67,716.09.

The Facilities Manager answered questions about an item in the Chief Operator's Report dated Tuesday, December 18, concerning a flow calculation at Four Flags for a proposed restaurant, as well as other queries about the B-II Zoning District.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

Administrative Assistant Pia Webster referred to a report titled "FY19 Chapter 77 Transfer Estimate as of January 1, 2019," where she had calculated the anticipated surplus at fiscal year's end in the Salaries & Wages portion of the Operating Budget available for transfer to the Expenditures portion. With that figure being around \$64,000, there remained some question as to what percentage of the entire budget was allowed be transferred.

Moving to the report titled "FY19 Operating Budget Expenditures," the Admin Assistant pointed to the more than \$10,000.00 that had been paid recently to Robert A. Young for electrical work on the generator behind Town Hall for Dock Street; more than \$9,000.00 on the 2006 Ford F250; and more than \$16,000.00 on the Department of Labor Standards Order to Correct. Mr. Thompson mentioned the costs of the replacement backup generator at the Chase Road Station, more than \$20,000.00 in all; and Mrs. Webster indicated the more than \$5,700.00 that had gone to Farrissey Tele-Comm for the Donaldbin Close soil removal.

According to the Admin Assistant, the next report – "FY19 Operating Budget 'Deficit' Spending as of January 22, 2019" – showed that the so-called Operating Budget Plus<sup>2</sup> was running at a deficit of \$67,750.72 or -12.1 percent. The need for a Special Town Meeting Warrant Article in addition to the one to fund the Donaldbin Close water services was discussed, since it had already been established in the Special Joint Meeting on January 14 that the Reserve Fund could not cover the Waste Water Department's shortfall.

It was agreed that all legal bills would be forwarded to the Town Administrator, since Mr. Hagerty had indicated there was a fund to provide for this need.

Admin Assistant Webster suggested to Facilities Manager Thompson that he meet with the Town Administrator to sort out how to handle the deficit before the actual Warrant Articles were submitted. A discussion ensued, with the Board members emphasizing that the Facilities Manager had to bring Mr. Hagerty specifics about why the expenditures were extraordinary so that he would understand how the budget had come to be overspent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Turning to the **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2018**, Admin Assistant Webster pointed to two amendments to the draft version. In describing the soil removal project by Farrissey Tele-Comm during that meeting, Mr. Thompson had transposed two figures, stating that the job had cost more than \$7,500 when it had cost about \$5,700. Mr. Thompson wanted to correct the record, said Mrs. Webster.

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<sup>2</sup> The "Operating Budget Plus" consists of all Operating Budget Expenditures (not including Salaries & Wages), plus the Equip, Repair, Replace & Upgrade Equipment Account.

So the Admin Assistant proposed to: (a) add the words “totaled \$5,754.19 and” to footnote 3 on page 5, so that the footnote read, “The invoice from Farrissey Tele-Comm, Inc. for the work on Donaldbin Close on November 19 and 20 totaled \$5,754.14 and was paid on Bill Warrant 26FY19, submitted on December 18, 2018”; and (b) add footnote 4 on page 7, attached to the end of the first sentence of the second paragraph and reading, “Mr. Thompson later realized he had misspoken; the amount he had spent thus far was less than \$6,000.”

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2018 with the two corrections, one on page 5 and one on page 7. Commissioner Murphy provided a second, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Searle made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, which Commissioner Murphy seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pia Webster  
Administrative Assistant

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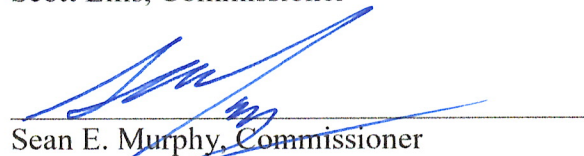
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