



## TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

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**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2015**

**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 scheduled their Regular Meeting for Thursday, April 23, 2015, 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 4:05 p.m. Chairman Glen S. Searle called the meeting to order.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE: ATM FUNDING OF CONDITION ASSESSMENT/NEW TRUCK.**

“It passed,” reported Facilities Manager David Thompson, referring to Article 74 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, which passage on April 14 appropriated \$90,000.00 for a Condition Assessment of the Facility “to comply with a condition of its Groundwater Discharge Permit renewal in 2018 and to determine a replacement schedule for capital assets near or above the 20-year mark of operation...”

Also adopted, continued Mr. Thompson, was Article 72, providing \$48,000.00 for a utility bed pickup truck. Chairman Searle asked if the new truck could handle a plow. Yes, answered Mr. Thompson, adding that the Department now would have available for call-out two trucks suitable for carrying tools and pumps. In addition, the model they were looking at would be able to haul the trailer-mounted vacuum sewer jetter.

**UPDATE: STM FUNDING OF SOLID WASTE REMOVAL BUDGET.**

The Facilities Manager reported that in the Special Town Meeting that preceded the Annual, Commissioner Scott Ellis had amended downward the amount in Article 10, with the appropriation for the Solid Waste Removal Contracts Account going from \$18,000.00 to \$5,000.00. The amendment and the article had passed. Mr. Thompson added that the Department would have plenty of funds left in the Salaries and Wages section of the budget to transfer to the Expenses section to make up for any other shortfalls.

**UPDATE: ODOR CONTROL SILOS STRIPPING/RECOATING – HANDLING OF FUNDS.**

Mr. Thompson related that he had spoken to the Treasurer's Office about the language of the articles providing the funding for the rehabilitation of the odor control silos to see if Department staff could use those funds to do the work themselves.<sup>1</sup> Chairman Searle stressed that it was Town Accountant Kimberly G. Kane that the Facilities Manager really needed to talk to. "Talk to Kim just to make sure," he said, adding that there also might be some question insurance-wise about whether the Town would be covered if a staff member were to be injured while working on the project, which was outside of their usual job duties.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SIGNING: SECONDARY CLARIFIER DRIVES REPLACEMENT PROJECT CONTRACT WITH R.H. WHITE CONTRUCTION**

Chairman Searle signed four sets of contract documents for the "Edgartown Waste Water Treatment Facility Clarifier Upgrade" with R.H. White Construction Co. Inc. of Auburn, Mass. The documents had already been signed by Thomas H. Descoteaux, Senior Vice President of R.H. White. Administrative Assistant Pia Webster noted that the contract would have to be forwarded to the Town Accountant for the signing of the Adequate Appropriation page.

**UPDATE: APRIL 22 MEETING WITH CATLOW ON DOCK ST PROJECT.**

Facilities Manager Thompson went through some of the details of his meeting the day before with Ian Catlow of Tighe & Bond regarding the Dock Street Hazard Mitigation Project. Commissioner Sean E. Murphy confirmed with Mr. Thompson that the project involved placing new pumps in existing vaults. Also, a control panel would be installed behind Town Hall, with conduit running up Main Street from the vault to the panel.

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<sup>1</sup> *Annual Town Meeting, April 12, 2011, Article 60: "Move that the Town raise and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 to scrape and paint the lime silo, and to resurface and paint the odor control silos at the Wastewater Facility"; and Annual Town Meeting, April 10, 2012, Article 52: "Move that the Town appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to scrape and paint the lime silo, and to resurface and paint the odor control silos at the Wastewater Facility in Fiscal Year 2013. This will be added to the \$25,000.00 that was appropriated in Article 60 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 12, 2011."*

Commissioner Murphy cautioned Mr. Thompson about squaring all this away with the Town Administrator before proceeding. Mr. Thompson assured him that he had. The Facilities Manager continued that during the installation on Dock Street, they would have to dig out one gate valve and use an above-ground mechanical pump temporarily. He would need to go to the Conservation Commission, he said, for a Request to Determine to clear the construction phase with them.

Commissioners Murphy wanted to know how long the installation would take. "Six weeks," answered Mr. Thompson. Responding to another query from Commissioner Murphy, the Facilities Manager explained that silt sacks and berms would be in place during the operation to protect the area from washout.

Commissioner Murphy also asked if the staff at The Atlantic had ever made the changes to their plant that Mr. Thompson had urged. No, replied Mr. Thompson.

**SIMPLEXGRINNELL PROPOSALS; FIRE PANEL REPLACEMENT.**

Mr. Thompson reported that the main fire panel for the laboratory was "toast" and that he had been presented with the proposal by SimplexGrinnell in the meeting binder for a whole new system for \$7,225.00. The Facilities Manager described walking through the three protected buildings with the company representative.

Chairman Searle inquired if the Department had the funds for this. "We got the payroll stuff in our pocket," said Mr. Thompson, referring to the surplus in the Salaries and Wages section of the FY15 Operating Budget.

The Facilities Manager went over the details of the service contract, then asked the Board members what they thought. "Knock yourself out!" said Chairman Searle. "Sign away!" said Commissioner Murphy. "Sounds good," said Commission Scott Ellis.

**REPORT: FAILED VALVES IN PRETREATMENT, SLUDGE-HOLDING TANK  
FERGUSON WATERWORKS QUOTES.**

"This is the spring of the old valves," began Mr. Thompson, who went on to describe the Department's need for more than \$4,400 in valves, flange gaskets and PVC (Purchase Order No. 619104). "Go for it," said Chairman Searle. The other two Board members agreed.

**SIGNING: ESS CONTRACT RENEWAL.**

As was the custom, the Facilities Manager presented to the Board the annual renewal of the "Central Office Monitoring Contract" with Electronic Security Systems, LLC at a rate of \$29 per month, beginning June 1, 2015. The Chairman indicated that Mr. Thompson, as he had in the past, could sign the contract himself.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSS: APPOINT FACILITIES MNGR AS TECH ADVISOR TO WATER ALLIANCE WORKING GROUP ON NITROGEN MITIGATION.**

Mr. Thompson related that the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance was forming a working group on nitrogen mitigation, with Melinda Loberg of Tisbury and Gail Barmakian of Oak Bluffs on board thus far. Their first mutual project would be the formation of a Nitrogen Mitigation Overlay District for Lagoon Pond. Since Mr. Thompson had been offering technical advice to the Water Alliance people all along, he was proposing to the Board that he be a third member of the working group. To that end the Commissioners could suggest to the Board of Selectmen that he be the Town's representative to the group.

Commissioner Murphy wanted to know if there was a role for Edgartown in the group just now. Mr. Thompson said that there would be in the future. "I would not be speaking for Edgartown on a policy basis," he stressed. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Murphy made a motion that the Chairman sign a letter written by the Admin Assistant to the Selectmen proposing the idea of Mr. Thompson's appointment to the working group. Chairman Searle offered a second, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**FACILITIES MANAGER'S REPORT.**

Mr. Thompson reported that the Department was advertising for a new Operator to replace Michael Berninger and that Assistant/Operator Shelley Reed had submitted her resignation 10 days earlier. Current Operator Matthew Parker, noted the Facilities Manager, was interested in Ms. Reed's former job.

Mr. Thompson also spoke about the seep from the West Tisbury Road force main in front of Coop's discovered the first week of April. He had arranged for a Department of Transportation dig permit, an excavation plan and a police detail, and had handled the problem. The fee to Daniel Rogers Excavating had come to \$7,340.00.

Lastly, The Facilities Manager mentioned that he was making arrangements with Podgurski Corporation to do the line jetting for the Down-Island Towns the following month.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

Admin Assistant Pia Webster went over a report titled "Savings in Salaries and Wages Account as of April 21, 2015" which indicated a surplus of at least \$20,894.97 in Salaries and Wages because of the replacement of Michael Perry with Michael Berninger, as well as the profusion of Days Without Pay in the Secretary Account. Moreover, the Overtime Account was only 56.4 percent spent, with \$13,493.83 remaining.

The Admin Assistant also pointed out that in the area of New Septage Billed Revenue, the Department was closing the gap, with just a \$15,193.03 difference in revenue from

FY14's as of April 23. Finally, Mrs. Webster reported on the FY15 Sewer Charges Collections, with an Adjusted Commitment of \$1,074,109.11 and \$61,113.39 (5.4 percent) left to collect.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Murphy offered a motion to adjourn, with the Chairman providing a second. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pia Webster  
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

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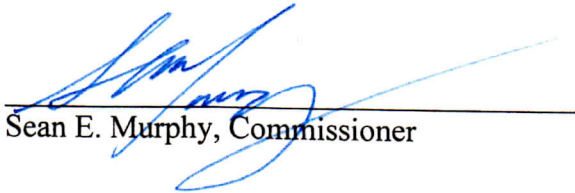
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Glen S. Searle, Chairman



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Scott Ellis, Commissioner



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