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**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2015**

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott Ellis, Acting Chairman
Mr. Sean E. Murphy, Commissioner

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Mr. Glen S. Searle, Chairman

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, August 13, 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 4:00 p.m. Acting Chairman Scott Ellis called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Commissioner Sean E. Murphy and Administrative Assistant Pia Webster. Without the first presenter there yet, the Acting Chairman skipped ahead to Other Business.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Admin Assistant Webster reported that as of that morning, the accounts receivable figure for the FY15 Sewer Charges stood at \$27,707.03 or 2.4 percent of the FY15 Adjusted Commitment of \$1,132,938.50. Also in the Commissioners' binders was the Final FY15 Septage Billed Reconciliation, which indicated Total FY15 Septage Billed Receivables of

\$392,686.13; and FY15 Septage Billed Collections of \$384,516.95; leaving June 30, 2015 Septage Billed Accounts Receivable of \$8,169.18. (Facilities Manager David Thompson arrived at the meeting at this point, 4:03 p.m.) And this last amount, Mrs. Webster noted, was paid within the first three days of the new fiscal year.

Next considered were a series of four pie charts generated by Assistant Matthew C. Parker showing by fiscal year, beginning with FY2012, the relative proportions of the waste types handled in the septage acceptance operation. It was apparent to all that the Tight Tank waste type was an area of growth, and the Board members wanted to know where that was coming from. Chilmark, answered Mr. Thompson, the Chilmark Tavern. Commissioner Murphy wondered what would happen if the Town were to decline to accept septage from other towns. "You'd be killing the goose that lays the golden egg," said Mr. Thompson.

But what if so much was coming in, inquired Commissioner Murphy, the Town had to say no? The Facilities Manager replied that it would be handled as it had been in Tisbury. When its limit was reached, that was it. However, he said, the septage acceptance business accounted for only about five percent of the Facility's influent. "We'll have our days where it breaks five percent," he allowed, but that was rare.

A discussion followed about the ways in which it could come to the attention of the Department that a restaurant was expanding its seat capacity.

Admin Assistant Webster went through details of the Final FY15 Cash Receipts Report; the Monthly Septage Income Report as of July 31, 2015; and the Septage Billed Reconciliation of July 31, 2015. As for the Operating Expenditures Report as of July 31, 2015, Mrs. Webster reported that it did not show much, since it was so early in the new fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS:

**UPDATE: HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM –
DOCK STREET PROJECT BID EXTENSIONS.**

Facilities Manager Thompson reported that he had sent out letters to Fall River Electrical Associates Co., Inc. of Fall River and to Robert B. Our Co., Inc. of Harwich, requesting that each bidder maintain his offer until the Annual Town Meeting in April 2016.

In an effort to lower the cost of the project, Mr. Thompson was looking at the possibility that the Department crew install the bypass manhole and valving, perhaps reducing the bid values by \$15,000 to \$20,000. This would only work, though, if the apparatus they had discovered down on Dock Street belonged to the Waste Water Department and not to Water. "I'm going to talk to Farrissey, Fenner and McClure," he said, referring to Andrew W. Farrissey of Farrissey Tele-Comm, Keith Fenner of Fenner Construction, and Dale McClure of Watercourse Construction.

Admin Assistant Webster asked how far the bids had to be reduced to meet the Department's requirements. The bids – construction and electric – currently totaled \$545,000, replied Mr. Thompson. They had to be brought down to \$402,000 to make the numbers work. "Since they're the low bidder, they can come down," he added.

"Ian and I worked on a reduced Scope of Work," the Facilities Manager continued, referring to engineer Ian Catlow of Tighe & Bond. Other aspects of reducing the financial load involved eliminating the immersible-grade motors and running the Dock Street pumps in a constant-speed mode, obviating the need for higher-cost starters.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FACILITIES MANAGER'S REPORT.

The Facilities Manager reported on the July Fourth flow numbers, which stood at 477,317 gallons for the day. "Another day in August was like that," he said. Responding to a query from Commissioner Murphy, Mr. Thompson related that the facility was permitted for up to 750,000 gallons per day and engineered for up to 1.2 million gallons per day.

Continuing his report, Mr. Thompson said that on July 6 David Woodbury, Hazard Mitigation Grants Program Coordinator of MEMA, had assured him that the Dock Street HMGP grant could be extended beyond the current expiration date of June 2, 2016.

On July 16 the Facilities Manager had spoken to the Procurement Officer about the disposal of the old roll-offs. Because the price of the materials was currently low ("90 bucks a ton"), it would likely cost as much to advertise them as could be garnered from their sale.

On July 24 Mr. Thompson had received a reply from Plumbing Inspector George Apostolides regarding the new food grinder regulations from the State, something that Mr. Apostolides and others had taken a dim view of. Following a hearing, the State planned to move ahead.

Lastly, reported the Facilities Manager, the influent BOD level for July was 600 milligrams per liter. "That's way high," Mr. Thompson remarked.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Next, the Board considered the **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2015**. Admin Assistant Webster pointed to a correction she had made on page 1 in the listing of the Commissioners present. After the words "Mr. Scott Ellis," she had deleted "Acting Chairman" and substituted "Commissioner".

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the Minutes as corrected, seconded by Acting Chairman Ellis. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Murphy offered a motion to adjourn. Acting Chairman Ellis seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



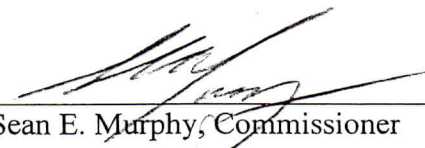
Pia Webster
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN



Scott Ellis, Acting Chairman



Sean E. Murphy, Commissioner