

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2022**

**WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Glen S. Searle, Chairman  
Mr. Scott Ellis, Commissioner  
Mr. Walter A. Morrison, Commissioner

**EWWD STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. William G. Burke, Facilities Manager  
Mr. Joseph Rock, Chief Operator  
Mrs. Pia Webster, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Neal Amodio  
Mr. David Bouck, Watershed Outreach Manager, Great Pond Foundation  
Mr. Ian B. Catlow, PE, Vice President, Tighe & Bond  
Ms. Carol M. Grant  
Mr. Theodore A. Saulnier, Esq.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Program Room on the first floor of the Edgartown Public Library, 26 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, Mass. At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Glen S. Searle called the meeting to order. Also present from the Board were Waste Water Commissioners Scott Ellis and Walter A. Morrison.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**REPORT/DISCUSS: CAROL M. GRANT, CLAIM RE: JULY 21, 2022 BACKUP  
AT 79 SOUTH SUMMER STREET (MAP 29B LOT 9) [Cont].**

Picking up from the November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting discussion, Carol Grant of 79 South Summer Street again stressed that the July 21, 2022 backup had occurred 14 feet from her property line. She related how she had happened to meet with her neighbor from 10 High Street, who told her that after a similar incident in 2014, then-Town Administrator Pamela Dolby had resolved that the Town of Edgartown would be responsible for all expenses incurred for the

repair. The only bill Ms. Grant had seen from her public-records request was the invoice from Tim Creato; the rest of the work had been done by the Waste Water and Highway Departments. A discussion ensued, including a mention of Town Administrator James Hagerty's suggestion that the costs for the backup at Ms. Grant's property be shared by her and the Waste Water Department. To that end, Ms. Grant had been asked in the November Regular Meeting to get prices for the replacement of her lateral from a few contractors, so that the entire cost of the job could be determined.

Ms. Grant reported that she had called four contractors; two had responded. One, Nick Peters, had come to her house, and the other, Keith Fenner, had just that day called her back. Not having been onsite, Mr. Fenner had provided a rough estimate of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Peters had questions for Waste Water Department Staff and had not heard back. The discussion continued. Facilities Manager William G. Burke recommended that Ms. Grant seek a price for a full line replacement, as well as a point repair price.

The conversation turned to a relatively new technology, not offered by any Island company: a cured-in-place pipe-lining system to rehabilitate and restore the existing pipes. This was a less expensive option, said Ian B. Catlow of Tighe & Bond, especially if the pipes contained asbestos, which was costly to dispose of. He provided the number of National Water Main Cleaning, which has an office in Canton. Chairman Searle said that **the Board would take this matter under advisement, to be continued in the January Regular Meeting or when Ms. Grant had completed her research.**

#### **UPDATE ON CIP PROJECTS; VOTE ON CO NO. 2, SCADA UPGRADE PROJECT.**

Mr. Catlow reported that Tighe & Bond's **oversight of the installation of the two-inch line for the five-lot Division Road subdivision** was complete and that all reports were in. There was no news yet on the possible grant award for the Sludge Pump under the Gap III Energy Grant Program. On the **SCADA System Upgrade Project**, Fall River Electrical Associates was still waiting for some internal components; the instrumentation for the nutrient monitoring by YSI was up and running but not reporting back yet.

**The Vineyard Golf Club** had been presented with the \$9,000 Change Order for the antenna relocation; they had declined. At this point it looked like the control panel with the human-machine interface at the **Visitors Center** would be going outside the building in the back. Pride Environmental had signed the contract for the **Installation of the Dewatering Sludge Pump Hydraulic Pack & Control Panel Replacement Project**. The Final Application for Payment from Lawrence Lynch Corp. for the **Rapid Infiltration Beds Rehabilitation Project** had been processed.

Turning to the **Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan Project**, Mr. Catlow reported that T&B had compiled all the data from Admin Assistant Pia Webster and from the Building Department to be able to map the developed and undeveloped parcels in town. He referred to a chart listing the three major and the nine lesser watersheds and the septic flow and sewer flow (if any) from each. The total septic flow came to 1,272,760 gpd, the sewer flow to 779,176.

Also, Mr. Catlow unrolled a site map titled "Draft – Sewered Parcels, Parcels with I/A Systems, Undeveloped Parcels and Protected Parcels – Edgartown, MA" and went over some of the

highlights. There was some discussion of the Facility's Individual Groundwater Discharge Permit, set to expire in November 2023, and the possibility of changing the Discharge Limitation from 750,000 gallons per day considered as a single-day incident to 750,000 gpd as an annual or monthly average, along with a higher maximum daily limit, terms the Facility might realistically be expected to meet for a number of years.

Mr. Catlow then took up Change Order No. 2 for the SCADA System Upgrade Project, which provided for the purchase of a Plant Water PLC Input Card and an extension of the Substantial Completion and Ready for Final Payment dates to January 30, 2023 and March 14, 2023, respectively. Chairman Searle made a **motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for the SCADA System Upgrade Project in the amount of \$2,365.58**, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

With Premier Chef Services Owner Shane Tank failing to attend, Chairman Searle made a **motion to continue the Discussion and Vote on the Proposal for Take-out Food at 258 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road During the Off-Season to the January Regular Meeting**. Commissioner Ellis offered a second, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

There being no announcement as yet on the Gap III funding, Chairman Searle made a **motion to continue the Possible Vote on Accepting the Gap III Energy Grant Program Funding to the January Regular Meeting**. Commissioner Ellis provided a second, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **POSSIBLE VOTE: MONEY ARTICLES FOR APRIL 2023 TOWN MEETING.**

Referring to a chart titled "FY24 Edgartown Capital Improvement Program, Department Project Summary," as well as one called "Capital Project Submission," Mr. Burke described the four projects that he and Town Manager Hagerty were confident would succeed as Warrant Articles. Chairman Searle made a **motion to approve the following Money Articles for FY24: 2 EWW Rotary Press & Polymer System, \$1,565,000; 3 EWW Tractor and Rotary Mower, \$134,000 (to be shared with Highway); and 4 EWW Plant Water System, \$465,000; in addition to \$216,000 for Quick and Needed Repairs to the Plant and Pump Stations**. Commissioner Ellis provided a second, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **CHIEF OPERATOR'S REPORT.**

Chief Operator Joseph Rock reported that the Total Nitrogen for the month of November had been 1.12 mg/L and 1.03 mg/L, for a monthly average of 1.08 mg/L reported to Mass DEP, the best numbers ever. He attributed this, he said, to the decrease in septage receiving. In addition, the Facility had had no odor complaints. Early in the month he had met with contractors regarding the office mini-split quotes. Subsequent to that, he had been able to get the furnace working once more; so the mini-split project could be put off for a while. Lastly, there had been a pump failure at the Vineyard Golf Club, an opportunity to put to use the mechanical services

contract with Pride Environmental. Neal Amodio of Edgartown had questions about septage receiving and the new policy instituted in the fall of 2021.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

Admin Assistant Webster reported on: the recalculated Uncommitted Capital Funds figure of \$246,200.47, after crediting the \$22,178.60 left from the RIB Rehab Project line; the liening by the Town Collector of \$17,338 in FY22 Sewer User Charges and Interest; and the upsurge in sewer permit application submissions, following a brief lull.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, the **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2022** were approved by voice vote, with Commissioners Ellis and Morrison voting aye and the Chairman abstaining because he had not attended the entire meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Searle made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, which Commissioner Ellis seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pia Webster  
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

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