

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 2023**

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
Ms. Cristina Zghibarta, Department Assistant
Mr. Joe Rock, Chief Operator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Daniel O. Roop, PE, Project Manager, Tighe & Bond

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Edgartown Wastewater Facility, 330 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, Mass. At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Walter A. Morrison called the meeting to order. Also present from the Board were Waste Water Commissioner Scott Ellis; Commissioner Glen S. Searle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update: Tighe & Bond update on CIP, Including Update on CWMP and other projects.

Daniel O. Roop, PE, Project Manager, Tighe & Bond reported that the Asset Management Project is finalized. A future meeting will take place to present future and current conditions and projections for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, hosted by Ian B. Catlow, Dan Roop, and possibly another Tighe & Bond Management Member. Included will be 5 and 10 years build out projections, and

possible future sewer extension to the unserved areas in the Sengekontacket watershed and remaining properties in the downtown/Harbor and Great Pond watersheds currently on septic systems. Scada System Upgrade Project is expected to be completed soon. Schwing pump hydraulic tank is scheduled for October installation. Dan Roop also gave an update on the Dewatering Project, explaining the normal challenges and issues involved in such a large project, including building alterations and wall removal to allow the unit to gain entrance to the dewatering building.

New Business:

Discussion: Chase Rd Pump Station - Site improvements and landscaping.

The Wastewater Commission took up the matter of the claim of John Klein, residing at 23 Cottage Street (Map 20D Lot 339), who stated that a landscaping improvement would be proper and necessary for the Chase Road Pump Station to alter its appearance from that of an “industrial waste site”. Mr. Burke explained this was the first and only complaint he had heard of concerning the station appearance and the pump station had been there since 1973. A brief discussion was held and the Wastewater Board agreed that the landscaping could be improved slightly, such as removing any dead trees and keeping the grass cut and grounds clean. It was noted this was an active site, room and access had to be provided for service vehicles, emergency bypass pumps and other possible equipment, limiting the ability to screen the area with foliage. Chairman Mr. Morrison mentioned that Mr. Klein could present the board with ideas and concerns which would help staff to navigate his concerns and provide the board with a clear picture on how to improve the pump station site, taking into consideration the operations perspective and keeping access open for maintenance and daily duties, as well as emergency operations.

Other Business:

Facilities Manager’s Reports / Chief Operator.

Facility Manager Mr. Burke, reported that the Wastewater Facility Treatment Plant is facing challenges complying with the new Synagro sludge disposal contract. Synagro accepts sludge cake at ranges of 17% to 26% solids. Recent management changes at the Woonsocket incinerator facility will eliminate the acceptance of sludge cake with solids below 17%, regardless of the current low solids surcharge, as EPA air quality regulations are almost impossible to meet when burning low solids sludges. A Zoom meeting with Synagro personnel will be scheduled to discuss and explore the options concerning failure to comply with the 17% threshold. This would require the mothballing of the current belt presses and renting better dewatering equipment. Daniel Roop made some suggestions, talking about different equipment and rental options necessary to increase the sludge solids and comply with the Synagro terms and conditions agreement. Dan mentioned that there are a few reputable companies who have rental equipment suitable for this matter. He believed a Rotary Screw Press would be the best option in consideration of physical conditions and layout of the current solids processing building and garage. The Commissioners recommended plant staff explore all available options and report back at the next monthly meeting. Chief Operator, Joe. Rock reported the removal of the existing 3 primary sludge pumps and the 3 WAS pumps and the insulation of the 6 new Penn Valley pumps. Several normal repairs were performed, including the plug connection for the barrel grabber attachment. Monthly and Annual lab sampling was performed as well quarterly sampling of the monitoring wells, all results were reported

to the MaDEP and the plant is complying with the discharge permit.

Financial Report – Fiscal 2023 Final Budget Report:

Wastewater Department Assistant, Cristina Zghibarta reported that there were no outstanding payments for FY23 from the Septage Receiving Station. All payments were received in their full amount from haulers discharging to the septage station. The Wastewater Department had about \$72,000 surplus in the expenditures section of the Operating Budget. She has urged all vendors with bills for the Department to submit them quickly and properly to her Town email address. All known year ending Treasurer receipts and warrants were processed before the fiscal year closed on July 15th. The warrants were submitted properly with no delayed payments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes of April, May and June on hold.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman made a motion to adjourn the Meeting, which Commissioner Morrison seconded; the motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Zghibarta
Department Assistant

APPROVED:

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