

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William G. Burke, Facilities Manager
Ms. Cristina Zghibarta, Department Assistant
Mr. Joe Rock, Chief Operator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Contractor, Waterfront Builders Inc'
Mr. Roy Anderson, Attorney, representing 11 Field Club
Mr. Daniel O. Roop, PE, Project Manager, Tighe & Bond
Mr. Ian B. Catlow, Vice-president, Tighe & Bond

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Program Room at the Edgartown Public Library, 26 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: CIP Projects, CWMP and AMP: Dan Roop, Tighe & Bond

Daniel Roop, gave an update on the Scada Project, stating that an electrician from Fall River Electrical Associates is scheduled to perform some of the remaining Scada work and do some cleanup work for the

Penn Valley Pumps, which are already installed and operating. The Schwing Hydraulic pack is on site, the old unit is being demolished and the new unit is scheduled to be installed and mechanically tested by Pride Environmental. The rented Rotary Screw Press is on-site and ready to be started up. As previously noted, the Rotary Screw Press will help to produce a sludge cake with solids above 17% and ultimately keep the facility in compliance with the Synagro disposal contract, which requires a minimum 17% solids content. Ian Catlow, talked about various ways of installing a permanent Rotary Screw Press. The best option was to remove an existing belt filter press and place the new unit there. The existing exterior wall would have to be removed and replaced, allowing for the addition of new double doors as envisioned in the original architectural plans. The Board commented that they need some time to digest the options.

Discuss: 11 Field Club – Sixth bedroom in basement, building alterations

Mr. Roy Anderson, Gartner & Bloom P.C. attorney, and Robbie Robinson, contractor of Waterfront Builders Inc', appeared on behalf of the owners of 11 Field Club requesting an extension of the main house garage and an addition of a half bathroom and finishing the interior in the rough framed pool cabana. During the last Regular Meeting held on August 24th, there were extensive discussions about the extra existing bedroom located in the basement. The position of the Wastewater Department was that the "media room" in the basement met the criteria of a bedroom as defined by the department's regulations. A site visit performed after the recent purchase of the property showed six (6) rooms met the criteria to be considered as bedrooms, which does not comply with the 'Field Club Association' agreement on the bedroom count apportion for each lot nor with the MaDEP agreement covering the entirety of the Field Club. Conformance to the agreement allows each lot no more than five (5) bedrooms. Bedroom counts on two other properties at the Field Club also showed unallowable bedrooms. Mr. Anderson admitted that the floor plans of the main house from 2017, submitted with the Building Department prior to construction, designates five (5) bedrooms, and existence of double doors to the entrance of the "media room". His position was the plans show the "media room" not to be considered a sixth bedroom by the Wastewater Department. Chairman Morrison responded that the architectural plans for 11 Field Club were not presented to the Wastewater Department, and the bedroom/drain count performed by Joseph Rock, Chief Operator, back in 2017 indicated five (5) bedrooms. Mr. Morrison also pointed that the drawings provided by Robbie Robinson, and the floor plans from the Building Department, clearly show six (6) bedrooms according to the Wastewater Department Regulations. Attorney, Anderson stated that the building plans were approved back then and that there have been no changes since that time. Mr. Burke added it may have been possible the double doors to the "media room" were added after the Mr. Rock performed his inspection. Mr. Morrison desired "media room" doors to be changed to a doorway so it does not trigger Wastewater Bedroom Regulations. The Chairman also stated that Mr. Robinson should present to the Board at the next Regular Meeting plans showing alteration to the "media room" entrance which do not meet the Bedroom Regulations. A motion was made and passed to continue the item to the next Regular Meeting.

New Business:

Discuss/Vote: Update Article VIII of Sewer Rules and Regulations - Penalties

The Board discussed the current rules, regulations, penalties and Article VIII, and the potential of increasing the current fine of (\$20.00) per each violation. Currently the Operator, and other duly

authorized employees of the Town, bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of rules and regulations. Mr. Burke, Facility Manager spoke about the importance and purpose of site visit Inspections, drain and bedroom counts for each property connected to the public sewer. Mr. Burke suggested he would like to see drain and bedroom conducted every five years. It was discussed that the Wastewater Department shall obtain revised or as needed drain/bedroom count followed by a site visit inspection performed by a Wastewater operator whenever needed. The Commission also pointed out that any properties exceeding the limit of bedrooms permitted would be fined. Currently any person found to be violating Wastewater rules shall be served by the Town with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. Also any person who shall continue any violation beyond the limit provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined. After a brief discussion Chairman Morrison made a motion to continue this item to the next meeting, with proper wording of the content for section 2.0 Continuing violation, Article VIII and Penalties. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Unanimous.

Other Business:

Facilities Manager's Reports / Chief Operator

The Facility Manager reported that the training of use the Rotary Screw Press will soon be available and will take place at the Facility Treatment Plant. Training will be provided to the entire Operations staff. The Harbor Controls, in conjunction with the screw press provider's controls manager and Fall River Electrical Associates, have provided feed pump control to the screw press and the unit is operational. Chief Operator Joe Rock reported the septage holding tank pump rails have been repaired, monthly monitoring wells sampling has been reported and the repair of fire trouble signals has been coordinated with ESS and the issue has been resolved.

Financial Report

Wastewater Department Assistant Cristina Zghibarta reported that all current spending on projects is complying with the amounts appropriated in their Town Articles funds. She also reported on new sewer connections, with the volume of permits rising month to month. The revenue for Septage Receiving Building for the last two months constituted \$4,334.48. Budget expenses reported since the new Fiscal Year is at of 12.3% of appropriations.

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 Special Meeting, which Commissioner Morrison seconded; the motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Zghibarta

Department Assistant

APPROVED:

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