

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 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
Mr. Darren Morris, Facility Manager, MV Savings Bank
Mr. James Anthony, President and CEO, MV Savings Bank
Mr. Edward and Paula Niejadlik, Homeowner, 37 Chase Rd
Mr. Chris Alley, Project Manager, Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn
Mr. Edward L. Pesce, P.E., Pesce Engineering & Associates, Inc.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 19, 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 Dewatering project and plant water project. Planning continues and a materials specialist was on-site today to examine proposed work areas for signs of hazardous materials. None were found to be present. Necessary equipment has been brought on-site and the screw press is almost operational. The Sludge Pump Project is at the final payment process with a balancing change order being prepared and is going to be closed out in a week or so. Scada is at the final stage, in a week or so the final work should be scheduled. The AMP project is almost complete, the final report is expected soon to be sent to MaDEP for approval and reimbursement of cost via grant funding. Ian Catlow, reported briefly on CWMP progress and the good results seen from the portable Screw Press CW.

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 in the existing unfinished pool cabana. During the last Regular Meeting held on September 21th, 2023 there were discussions about the extra existing bedroom located in the basement. According to the Wastewater Department regulations and a recent site inspection the room identified as “media room” has met the criteria of a bedroom. A site visit performed after the recent purchase of the property showed six (6) rooms that met the criteria to be considered as bedrooms, which does not comply with the ‘Field Club Association’ agreement on the bedroom count apportioned for each lot. The agreement complied with a MaDEP stipulation on total projected bedrooms allowing the Field Club to be built. Mr. Anderson queried why the bathroom in the “media room” would be included in the definition of a bedroom, expounding that it was an “expansion” of the bedroom regulation. Chairman Morris had also mentioned that a door at the top of the basement steps could be construed as providing more than 1 extra bedroom in the basement. Attorney Anderson strenuously objected to this interpretation of the bedroom regulations. He mentioned that there isn’t an existing door heading down to the basement, so the only privacy in the basement would be eliminated by removing the double doors to the media room. Discussion concluded by an agreement that removing the double doors to the media room would solve the problem and the house would be considered a five (5) bedroom house. The Board suggested no vote on the item unless there will be satisfactory evidence presented showing compliance with the Bedroom Regulations at the next Commission Meeting. Chairman Morrison proposed a motion that before the next meeting department staff perform a field inspection to confirm the double doors removal, Mr. Robinson present to the Board a plan showing alteration to the media room doors and a set of plans with dimensions for the pool cabana. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Discuss/Vote: 37 Chase Road – request tie in to sewer

Mr. Edward and Paula Niejadlik, owners of the property at 37 Chase Rd, appeared before the Board requesting to connect to the public sewer. Mr. Edward noted that the septic system tank collapsed after someone drove their vehicle in their yard and around their house. Commissioner Searle recused himself from voting due to him owning a neighboring property. The Commission voted 2:0 to approve the connection to the existing sewer main along Chase Rd.

Discuss/Vote: 72 Simpsons Lane – request tie in to sewer and new use – Laundromat

The representatives of 72 Simpson Ln, did not attend the meeting. The Commission declined to discuss the agenda item.

Discuss/Vote: 78 Main Street – employee housing above MV Savings Bank

Mr. Anthony, President and CEO, MV Savings Bank and Mr. Morris, Facility Manager, MV Savings Bank, appeared before the Board requesting permission to expand the third floor of MV Savings Bank located at 78 Main Street for employee housing purposes. Mr. Morris has provided architectural plans for three (3) apartments. Chairman Morrison made a motion to accept the plans and approve the work force housing for MV Bank. Commissioner Searle, seconded. Unanimous.

Discuss/Vote: 21 Llewellyn Way – 7 bedrooms renovation

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Contractor, Waterfront Builders Inc' and owner of the property at 21 Llewellyn Way, appeared before the Board requesting permission to renovate the existing house and build seven (7) bedrooms total as permitted in conformance with the size of the lot area. Mr. Robinson presented floor plans providing conformance with Wastewater Rules and Regulations. Commission reviewed the plans and Chairman, Morrison made a motion to approve the floor plans and allow seven (7) bedrooms total for the property at 21 Llewellyn Way. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Unanimous.

Discuss/Vote: MV Hospital Green Homes – request tie in to sewer

Mr. Edward L. Pesce, P.E., Pesce Engineering & Associates, Inc. representing Navigator Homes of Martha's Vineyard and Martha's Vineyard Hospital, initiated the conversation regarding a potential sewer connection to the project, Green Homes'. Mr. Pesce appeared to the meeting to gather more information for the purpose of evaluating the options, including a potential sewer connection and the status of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Ian B. Catlow, Vice-president, Tighe & Bond, gave an update on CWMP status, stating that CWMP, is at 42 % completion at this point, and the full report of CWMP completion is expected next summer. Mr. Pesce, asked the Board the expectations and conditions required by Edgartown Wastewater in order to connect the Green Homes' to the public sewer. Mr. Chairman Morrison, talked about few options that may be taken in consideration and digested by Tighe & Bond, the department's engineering team. Perhaps running a sewer line thru Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, or a sewer connection thru Morgan Woods and Vineyard Golf Pump Stations. Mr. Morrison stated that the connection to Morgan Woods Pump Station and Vineyard Golf Pump Station will require infrastructure upgrades that would be borne by the connecting properties. According to the Tighe and Bond evaluation the upgrade needs were identified as: replacing existing pumps with larger pumps, valve vault piping, flow meters, odor control, station controls, independent generator for Vineyard Golf, etc. Mr. Pesce disagreed on some aspects of contributing to pump station upgrades and that the Wastewater Department should be in responsible on some of it. He desired to see a report from Tighe and Bond with proposed improvements and an approximate estimate for the work required at both Pump Stations. The item was carried to the next meeting for forward discussions.

Facilities Manager's Reports / Chief Operator

Mr. Burke, Facility Manager reported that the Chevy Silverado was at the repair shop and after repairs would go to Marty's Chevrolet for fuel evaporation system repairs. Repairs should be under warranty.

As it was a renewal year for wastewater licenses Joe Rock, Sebastian Corwin and himself would be absent from work when attending training sessions to obtain the necessary 20 hours of classroom instruction time to maintain their licenses.

Mr. Rock reported all required testing had been performed and the facility was in compliance with the groundwater discharge permit, E-One repair calls had begun to decrease as the flow went down and preparations were underway for winter operations.

Financial Report

Wastewater Department Assistant, Cristina Zghibarta reported that the projects are complying with the Town Articles funds. The Wastewater Department expenditures section of the Operating Budget constitute 34% used. The revenue for Septage Receiving Building for the last five months constituted \$10,824.94.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes of April, May, June, July, August and September on hold.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, which Commissioner Ellis seconded; the motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Zghibarta

Department Assistant

APPROVED:

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