

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
February 12, 2024
4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan Jr. meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda. He recognized Les Baynes to open the Fincom meeting. They were present for the Wastewater portion of the meeting. Present were: Les Baynes, Rob Coad, Julia Tarka and John O'Hara.

Also present were: Ian Catlow from Tighe & Bond; Wastewater Superintendent Bill Burke and Wastewater Commissioner Alex Morrison.

Mr. Catlow had two presentations which are available in full attached to these minutes. The first was in regards to the main pipe breakage on the West Tisbury Rd. in front of Cottle's. This is a primary line that consists of 2 - 8" cast iron pipes that run the length of West Tisbury Road. It was installed in 1971 and has a history of small breaks over the last 10-15 years. The department was concerned there may be a major break in the summer time which could be catastrophic. There were two options of approach in repair or replacement. The first would be lining the pipes with a special lining. This would require creating access points and would cost \$2,290,000 to \$3,658,000 with a life expectancy of 50 years. The second option would be complete replacement which would cost \$4,876,000 with a life expectancy of 100 years.

Mr. Baynes asked how Mr. Catlow came up with the estimates.

Mr. Catlow explained his process of estimates and comparisons to other projects on the Cape mainly.

The next presentation was an update on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and requests for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for preliminary design funding for several aspects of upgrading the system. All these requests depended on approval of the (CWMP). (request attached)

Mr. Smadbeck asked how the treated water from Sengekontacket was going to go back to that watershed.

Mr. Catlow responded that it would have to be piped back.

Mr. O'Hara asked about building a miniature plant in that watershed instead.

Mr. Catlow responded that it was looked at but would be expensive to build a new facility when the capacity is already at the main plant. It would also require more manpower.

Mr. Smadbeck asked when the CWMP would be done.

Mr. Catlow responded that it would be done by summer and then sent to the State.

There was then a discussion of other available funding sources. Grant sources and lending sources that would provide 0% loans. The Cape and Islands also have set aside funds from their short term rental taxes.

Mr. Hagerty stated that this would make sense to use some of the Short Term Rental funds. He also liked the option of 0% interest loans. He listed three things that needed to occur: 1. The CWMP need to be finished. 2. It needs to be approved by DEP. 3. Need a growth control by-law creating a plan making a zoning overlay.

Mr. Morrison stated the Wastewater Commission would like to move forward before the approval of the CWMP.

Mr. Hagerty stated that he'd like to wait so the town can get the 0% funding ahead of time.

Mr. Burke stated that he would like to move forward without waiting.

Mr. Hagerty responded that there were hard timelines. The Town Meeting Warrants were being voted on March 4th which was 35 days away. He asked what the total request was and what was the priority.

Mr. Burke responded that the West Tisbury Rd. Main was \$4.8 million and the Design Funding totaled \$3.1 million. The total was \$8 million.

Mr. Morrison stated that the priority is the West Tisbury Road Main.

Mr. O'Hara clarified that the \$3.1 is for phases that won't be spent now?

There was discussion on whether waiting to fund the design requests would enable the state to control the project in the future by stating the town wasn't being proactive.

Mr. O'Hara suggested borrowing the \$3.1 earmarked for this project specifically and worded such in the article. The funds cannot be repurposed or spent on anything else.

Mr. Baynes then closed the Fincom portion of the meeting. The Board thanked everyone for coming in.

The Board then approved the following items:

An Excavation Permit for Eric Peters on Simpson's Lane to install water.

An Excavation Permit for Fenner Construction to connect sewer to 4 Tilton Way.

A New Commercial Marine License for the sailing vessel Numa to conduct sailing charters.

Set a hearing date of March 4th at 4:00pm for the transfer of liquor license for Your Market.

Approved the Warrant for the Presidential Primaries to be held March 5th.

Voted to accept a donation for the Council on Aging in the amount of \$500 to be deposited into their special account.

A Lodging House License renewal for the Lightkeepers Inn.

Common Victualler License renewals for the Blackbird Café and Blackbird at Jerry's Place.

The Minutes of January 22nd and 29th.

The weekly warrant.

The Board then appointed Carole Berger as an Alternate Member and Hillary Granis as a full time member to the Historic District Commission.

At 5:16 pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Selectboard

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant

Documents included in meeting: Agenda, Applications, Permits, Minutes and Warrants