

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. Glen S. Searle, Commissioner
Mr. Scott Ellis, 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
Mr. Robert McCarron, attorney at McCarron Murphy & Vukota LLP
Mr. Gerret Conover, CEO, Conover Restorations

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024, 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. Commissioner Glen S. Searle called the meeting to order. Also present from the Board was Waste Water Commissioner Scott Ellis.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update: CIP projects, Tighe & Bond – Dan Roop

Dan Roop, project manager at Tighe & Bond, provided an update on the CIP projects. It was reported at the last Meeting between Board, facility manager, and Tighe & Bond engineers that the Screw Press project is out to Bid. The existing belt press units have proven to be inefficient in the dewatering sludge process and consistently falls below Synagro's required standards, with samples showing a solids percentage below 17%. Several potential suitors have already shown interest in purchasing the existing, surplus belt press it.

Tighe and Bond, in conjunction with the plant staff, is committed to purchasing a screw press as a new, more efficient unit to meet a high solids content and ensure optimal performance. The Scada project is approaching completion and is currently in the final paperwork phase. The Schwing Hydraulic Pump Project has been installed and is awaiting the final sign-off from the manufacturer's representative to confirm that it is operational. The grant funding request for the Sludge Pump Project from the MaDEP Gap III has been processed, and we expect reimbursement payment to be completed within a week or so, though it is doubtful the MaDEP can work that quickly.

Discuss: 15 & 33 Jernegan Pond Road – Potential sewer connection

Mr. Robert McCarron, attorney at McCarron Murphy & Vukota LLP, appeared before the Board regarding the possible availability of a connection to the public sewer system. Mr. McCarron presented a site plan including details such as proposed lot lines, existing structures, easements, rights of way, wetlands, and bodies of water. The Project proposes a subdivision of approximately 17 acres into 10 (ten) community lots, 5 (five) market rate lots, and 2 (two) improved lots with approximately 10 acres dedicated open space/conservation. Mr. Burke, Facility Manager, also discussed a potential way that the Wastewater flow could be designed by pumping it into the force main. More favorably, if the town provides funding for new 2 (two) new force sewer mains from the Chase Road pump station to the wastewater plant at the April Town Meeting it would be possible for the project proponents to work with the Town's consulting engineers to provide a connection for the project during the pipeline project design phase. Mr. Burke suggested the item be continued till after the meeting following the April Town Meeting. After a brief discussion the Board decided to continue the item to the April Meeting. Commissioner Searle made a motion to continue the item discussion to the April Regular Meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Ellis.

Discuss/Vote: 8 Tuthill Ln – New tie in request

Mr. Gerret Conover, CEO, Conover Restorations, spoke on behalf of the owners of 8 Tuthill Ln, requesting a possible sewer connection. It was mentioned that 8 Tuthill Ln was previously part of the of 27 Braley's Way, and both properties were under the same ownership when the Town sewer was installed. Before the property, which contains two residences, was subdivided, only one of the buildings was connected, leaving the 8 Tuthill Lane property without a sewer connection. The owners express a desire to explore all options to connect the property to the sewer and ensure compliance with the Wastewater Town's regulations. The Board has decided to consult with the Chief Operator and examine the capacity of the pipeline to determine if the property can be tied in or not. Commissioner Searle made a motion to discuss the item at the next Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ellis.

Facilities Manager's Reports

Mr. Burke, Facility Manager reported on the ongoing CIP projects at the Treatment Plant. He also reported on the recent incident involving the break of the Chase Road sewer main, which has prompted significant attention towards the matter. It's understandable that an old sewer main would be prone to failure and the upcoming Special Town Meeting will provide an opportunity to provide the funding for line's replacement. He made note that the installation of the hydraulic pack was completed by Pride Engineering. South Shore Generator is has the tow behind generator at their shop and the plant operators are putting in a lot of hard work at the Treatment Plant.

Financial Report

In January, Cristina Zghibarta, the Administrative Assistant, committed herself to attending training sessions on Munis functionality. The purpose was to improve our efficiency and prepare for the upcoming billing cycle. All tasks and customer requests have been completed and achieved in accordance with the Munis platform.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Commissioner Glen S. Searle, seconded by Commissioner Ellis, the **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2023** were approved unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commissioner Searle, made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, which Commissioner Ellis seconded; the motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cristina Zghibarta

Department Assistant
APPROVED:

BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

Walter A. Morrison, Chairman

Scott Ellis, Commissioner

Glen S. Searle, Commissioner