

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

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2024**

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

EWWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. William G. Burke, Facilities Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ian Catlow, PE, Project Manager, Tighe & Bond
Mr. Ed Pesce, PE, Pesce Engineering and Associates
Mr. Matt Watsky, attorney representing MV Hospital
Mr. Mike Cosgrave, Chief Administrative Officer, MV Hospital
Mr. Chris Alley, PE, Schofield, Barbina and Hoehn
Mr. Mark Nicotera, Trademark Services, LLC

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown held a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 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. Commission Chairman Walter A. Morrison called the meeting to order. Also present from the Board were Waste Water Commissioner Scott Ellis and Glen Searle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote: Proposed fine schedule revision

Mr. Burke, Facilities Manager, explained that the proposed fine revision approved at the February 15, 2024 Monthly Commissioner's Meeting had been reviewed by the Town's attorneys at Reynolds, Rappaport, Kaplan and Hackney, LLC and found to be wanting. A slight change in wording to the proposed changes to clearly indicate that the fines in Section VIII of the Wastewater Rules and Regulations were civil was needed.

Commissioner Morrison made a motion to accept the new wording of the fine revision. Seconded by Glen Searle. Unanimous approval.

Discuss: Martha's Vineyard Hospital/ Mass General Brigham discussion on possible sewer connection

Mr. Ed Pesce introduced the MV Hospital group who were present for the meeting. First to speak was Attorney Watsky, who explained that MaDEP needs proof that a sewer connection is not possible. He explained that using the Town's appropriation process any funds or easements requiring Town Meeting approval would not be possible until April 2025 at the earliest. If waiting for sewer to come to the construction site it would be 2028-2029 at the earliest. The Hospital Group's deadline for approvals was January 2025. There followed a discussion amongst the participants with each explaining their limitations concerning funding, Town Meeting approvals, pump station upgrades and easements. Chairman Morrison observed that mitigation of nitrogen loading in the Great Pond watershed was more likely to involve \$750,000 rather than the \$250,000 proposed by the MV Hospital Group's engineer Ed Pesce and that an easement across the Morgan Woods property could only be granted by Town Meeting approval and the current warrant was closed. As such without easements in place the matter cannot be entertained and the matter was at a dead end he observed. Mr. Pesce went through the MV Hospital group estimates of construction pricing and Ian Catlow was in general agreement on most cost estimates. The introduction of the housing flow would put Morgan Woods pump station at just a half gallon shy of its maximum design flow was noted by both Mr. Pesce and Mr. Catlow. Discussion continued for a few moments with both side sides wishing they had more time and money to realize a connection. Mr. Pesce said he understood that when a sewer line appears in the road in front of their facility that they would be required to connect, while Chairman Morrison said it would include a betterment. Mr. Pesce said the Hospital Group would like to see a letter sent to MaDEP either from the Waste Water Commission or the Hospital Group and offered to draft a preliminary letter for the Commissioners. Additionally, Mr. Pesce offered the Town use of some of the Hospital's Group's property for both a wick well effluent site and a possible pump station site if either was feasible to sewer Ocean Heights. Chris Alley, who is on the Sheriff's Meadow Board of Trustees, said this was possible. This would need to be done before a Conservation Restriction is put on the open space he noted. Effluent disposal could include either drip tubing or a wick well observed Mr. Catlow. Ed Pesce concluded the Hospital Group presentation by stating that he would make an attempt at putting together a letter stating that the price and timeline do not work and containing the Hospital group's offers. Mr. Pesce also stated he would look to get a co-ordination meeting with MESA on the land usage offers from the hospital to the Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes of January and February on hold.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Zghibarta
Department Assistant

APPROVED:

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Glen S. Searle, Chairman

Scott Ellis, Commissioner

Walter A. Morrison, Commissioner