Board of Sewer Commissioners
Minutes of December 13, 2011
Bourne Veteran's Building
Buzzards Bay MA 02532

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TA Guerino

Earl Baldwin, Chairman
Peter Meier, Vice Chairman
John Ford, Clerk
Don Pickard
Jamie Sloniecki

List of documents:

- None

Meier MOVED and SECONDED by Ford to recess the Selectmen public session meeting to go into the Board of Sewer Commissioner's Meeting and then to reconvene in Selectmen's public session. VOTE 5-0.

Meeting called to order
6:46 pm

Approval of Minutes 8/2/11 and 12/6/11
Ford MOVED and SECONDED by Pickard to approve minutes of 8/2/11 as amended to reflect the proper V. Chm and Clerk of the BOSC. VOTE 5-0.

Ford MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to approve 12/6/11 minutes as amended to reflect the proper V. Chm. and Clerk of the BOSC. VOTE 5-0.

Mr. Neil Langille – rate formulation discussion
Buzzards Bay Sewer System charges allocated with 1,000 users. The Taylor's Point marina has 50-60 slips which are commercial slips. All sewerage generated by the marina is going into the residential system. In addition, during the summer, there are about 100 more boats docked at the marina using the system which residents pay for. Pump-out boats remove sewerage into residential system. Mr. Langille inquired how many shares are the marina and pump-out system paying for those 1,000 shares.

TA Guerino answered none. He explained the Commonwealth provides $20,000 annually which is provided by a grant relative to pump-out for keeping waterways clean. Septage money goes into the community for offsetting the cost of the pump-out system. The marina itself has its own hook-ups, and pays a sewer fee to the Sewer Commission.

Ford for clarification of Mr. Langille's question, asked TA Guerino if rate payers are compensated. TA Guerino said the marina pays a per gallon fee of overages. There is a meter in place to know what is being pumped out. TA Guerino can provide information to Mr. Langille. Ford said the only thing the marina does is pay a $734 fee, which is not for each boat. If the marina goes over the allotted gallonage, they pay an additional fee and not treated any differently.

TA Guerino said fees go to maintaining the piping system (life of the hardware) and the boats will not pay for the piping system where there is no system to delivery as their sewage goes directly into the sewer. TA Guerino to look at where money comes and goes. Marina pays a hook-up fee and for monies derived from what gets pumped in.

Mr. Langille asked if the marinas are paying by the gallon, why the home owners shouldn't do the same. He would like to address at a future BOSC meeting.

Ford said the BOSC is looking at how users pay. Hideaway Village (HAV) pays $734 per building. If/when the HAV equipment goes, HAV has to repair them due to how the grant is written. The BOSC would re-visit that detail and make one system under one set of rules. In the future, the Town will have to put money in an Enterprise Fund to repair pipes for the whole system. TA Guerino said the pipes are getting old.

Mr. Langille asked the BOSC to come up with a fair way for allocating, as well as how town facilities are allocated as well. TA Guerino explained residents on Main Street pay the same as the commercial businesses. TA Guerino will discuss with the Chm. and move forward.

Action on non-active member of the Wastewater Advisory Committee (WAC) – discussion and vote

TA Guerino said a member Mr. Michienzi appointed to the committee, due to business has not been able to attend any meetings. The committee needs a full compliment committee and the BOSC needs to address the vacancy.

Pickard spoke with Mr. Michienzi who will forward a letter of resignation from the committee. Meier would like to move fast. TA Guerino recommended waiting until receipt of Mr. Michienzi's resignation letter and re-advertising opening on the Town website. He explained the extra 4 days will not make a big difference, and is out of courtesy to Mr. Michienzi. Pickard suggested the Board take TA Guerino's recommendation and wait to the end of the week to appoint a new member at the next BOSC meeting. Pickard said the Town wants to encourage people to volunteer for groups and committees. Meier concurs, but is concerned of future committee discussions of not only a new rate, but the committee needs a financial person involved. Meier suggested a person from the Capital Outlay Committee or a member from the Finance Committee as representative from those committees to the WAC. The WAC is now looking at a different focus.

Chm. Baldwin said the best course of action is the TA Guerino recommendation and that committee make up needs to be discussed where it can appropriately be discussed.

For clarification, TA Guerino asked the BOSC if the deadline to receive letter of resignation from Mr. Michienzi is by the end of the week. At that point, he will advertise with the Boards' concurrence upon receipt of letter of resignation as soon as possible. Chm. Baldwin on behalf of the BOSC agrees that TA Guerino move forward as recommended.

Adjourn
Meier MOVED and SECONDED by Ford to adjourn and to reconvene as the Board of Selectmen. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. VOTE 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Groezinger, sec.