

**Board of Sewer Commissioner's
Minutes of January 7, 2014
Bourne Community Building
Bourne, MA 02532**

TA Guerino

Peter Meier, Chairman
Linda Zuern, Vice-Chairman
Don Pickard
Earl Baldwin
Jerry Ellis

Documents

- None

Note this meeting is being televised and recorded. If anyone in the audience is recording or videotaping, they need to acknowledge such at this time

Michael Rausch, Bourne Enterprise, stated he is recording tonight's meeting.

Call meeting to order

By Chm. Meier at 6:16 P.M.

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

None.

Minutes of 10/15/13

Zuern MOVED and SECONDED by Baldwin to approve minutes of 10/15/13 as submitted. VOTE 5-0.

Report of the Waste Water Committee

Ms. Sallie Riggs introduced herself and Mr. Wes Ewell. She gave a brief background of their report.

After the contract was finalized, the Committee met with the consultants in September to review the proposed work plan. The study then proceeded in four phases:

1. Reviewing such factors as ownership of the sites, determining the presence of private wells and septic systems near the sites, determining the presence of endangered species, and identifying potential constraints created by the new FEMA maps and 100-year flood zone.

2. Conducting drilling and borings to determine the kinds of soils in the two sites. These were completed in mid-October.
3. Conducting seismic and electrical resistivity tests to determine such things as depth to bedrock, the presence of any confining layers, and depth to groundwater. These were completed in November.
4. Analyzing the results of the borings and seismic tests, applying to the findings professionally accepted models of groundwater flows, and preparing a report and recommendations.

The Committee had just received the draft of the final report and will be reviewing it at our meeting tomorrow night. We do know that the Queen Sewell Park site appears to be a favorable location for the subsurface discharge of 335,000 gpd or less of treated wastewater effluent. The Community Center property has existing contamination on-site, is located in the newly proposed 100-year flood zone and has limited unsaturated thickness available to attenuate a groundwater mound. The site was therefore eliminated from further analysis.

As part of the development of the report, the consultant, Wes Ewell and Ms. Riggs met with MA DEP. The analysis of the work that was done by DEP saw nothing that would prevent the Town from moving forward with its planning.

As soon as the report is finalized, copies will be available to the board and critical town staff. The next step is preparing a workshop to educate ourselves and town officials about public/private partnerships in January/early February.

The committee is also asking for the board's assistance to identify two people to complete the committee and welcomed any input from the board.

Meier asked for a copy of the Charge for next month's meeting for discussion.

TA Guerino asked if there are any cost estimates. Ms. Riggs said there are no cost estimates at this time.

Zuern asked about if the town is responsible for the piping. Mr. Ewell said he didn't know at this point. She also asked about the flow after it leaves the waste water treatment and if it could be piped to the canal (direct discharge). Mr. Ewell said that is no longer able to be done.

Mr. Mulvey has attended several of the committee's meetings. The cost of this project is something the citizens must become involved with. He raised the question of being possible to take the treated affluent and send to Wareham and if they would be willing to accept at a vastly reduced rate.

TA Guerino said this project is a re-sewering for economic reasons. He said if we don't have an increased economic engine on how this is funded and maintained over a long period, it is subject to many different configurations and equations.

Meier holds previous boards responsible. TA Guerino agrees and wish there has been more insight in previous years. TA Guerino also clarified that this project is not a re-sewering, but augment what is already sewered.

Town Administrator's report of 12/10/13

TA Guerino's report was given to the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 12/17/13.

A member of the audience on the Hideaway Village Board of Directors believed the direction was going in a different way. TA Guerino said the documents available are what the Hideaway Village should have. The town found it not equitable and did not follow through with a sit down as proposed and the town was found it had no responsibility to private facilities. The option at Hideaway Village to join this system to offset the cost of the pump station. At that point, TA Guerino said the town was charged to maintain the pumps to and from Hideaway Village.

Meier said Mr. Ford wanted to obtain the report and that Meier wanted to honor the project started by Mr. Ford to the best way the board is legally able. TA Guerino said at this point, the town is discussing what the town can/cannot do.

Pickard explained based on the Bourne Rule Home Charter, the board doesn't get into the day-to-day goings on in Bourne and they rely on TA Guerino to do so. He feels TA Guerino is a fair person.

Mr. Leitzel said he could not find any documentation about Hideaway Village, but the town's responsibility ends at the property line. He contacted DEP and others and they didn't have documentation in their records.

Other business

TA Guerino is comfortable with the report and stands by it.

Zuern suggested following up with a meeting to resolve the issue with Hideaway Village in TA Guerino's office. TA Guerino concurs and will inform the board of the outcome.

Adjourn

Zuern MOVED and SECONDED by Baldwin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.
Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Groezinger, sec.