



# Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting Agenda



Date  
March 28, 2023

Time  
6:00 PM

Location  
Bourne Community Center  
239 Main St., Buzzards Bay  
Or virtually (see information below)

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## **6:00 P.M. Call Public Session to Order in Open Session**

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2. Board of Sewer Commissioners Business
  - a. Sewer Abatement Request – 4 Bay Drive
  - b. Manhole ARPA project update & grease trap enforcement at 300 Main Street – Shawn Patterson, DPW Director
3. Minutes: none
4. Future agenda items
5. Town Administrator report
6. Committee reports
7. Correspondence
8. Next meeting date: April 25, 2023
9. Adjourn

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**Board of Sewer Commissioners  
Minutes of Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
Bourne Community Center  
239 Main Street, Buzzards Bay  
Or virtually**

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**TA Marlene McCollem**

**Board of Sewer Commissioners**

Mary Jane Mastrangelo, Chair  
Judith Froman, Clerk  
Peter Meier  
Melissa Ferretti

Others: Shawn Patterson, DPW Director, (remote).

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Jared MacDonald was absent.

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**2.a. Sewer Abatement Request – 4 Bay Drive**

Town Administrator Marlene McCollem said that they did ask the applicant to attend the meeting. She said that she is not going to recommend an abatement in this case. Chair

Mastrangelo concurred with this opinion. The applicant was not yet in attendance, so this agenda item was deferred for the time being.

**2.b. Manhole ARPA project update & grease trap enforcement at 300 Main Street – Shawn Patterson, DPW Director**

Shawn Patterson said that the project at Taylor's Point started today. He said he received a call this afternoon that they think they hit ledge after digging down about 10 feet. He said that they will try again tomorrow in a different spot, and that otherwise they are on track with the project.

Mr. Patterson said that regarding 300 Main Street, he delivered a letter by hand and sent a certified letter that has been received by the owner. He said that he has talked to the owner and the plumber. They were going to install an internal grease trap but are going to install an injector instead this week. Peter Meier asked Mr. Patterson if he was recommending no fines, and he said that he thinks the work will be done before the fines are assessed.

There was some discussion about the manhole project and about how the area is full of rocks.

**2.a. Sewer Abatement Request – 4 Bay Drive**

**Voted:** Peter Meier moved, and Judith Froman seconded to deny the abatement request for 4 Bay Drive.

**Vote:** 4-0-0.

**3. Minutes: none**

**4. Future Agenda Items**

Chair Mastrangelo said that they received correspondence from Stephen Mealy, and as a result, she will be adding an agenda item regarding the Wastewater Infrastructure Invest Fund for a future meeting.

**5 Town Administrator Report**

Ms. McCollem said that the design has been done for the stormwater control at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and they are going out for pricing on it. She also said that a credit of approximately \$30,000. from Kubota is outstanding with the Wastewater Treatment Facility project, in reference to a foaming incident that happened early on. She said that this credit has not been secured yet by the OPM as far as they can tell, and Mike Ellis and Weston & Sampson are working on it. She said it is difficult to do it without the OPM and he is not being responsive. She said she will be talking to Counsel regarding tying up loose ends for the close out of this project.

Ms. McCollem also said that the Engineering RFP for the Low Pressure is out for bid. She asked if someone from the Board of Sewer Commissioners would serve on the review committee along with her and the Town Engineer, Tim Lydon. Chair Mastrangelo volunteered to be on the review committee.

The homeowner from 4 Bay Drive logged onto the meeting at this time and Chair Mastrangelo explained why the Board denied their abatement request. There was some conversation about dwelling units being connected to the sewer and the protocols involved with billing.

**6. Committee Reports**

**7. Correspondence**

Ms. Froman said that Chair Mastrangelo discussed the correspondence received earlier and that it will be an agenda item at a future meeting, regarding the Wastewater Infrastructure Invest Fund.

**8. Next meeting date: April 25, 2023.**

**9. Adjourn**

**Voted:** Judith Froman moved, and Peter Meier seconded to adjourn.

**Vote:** 4-0-0.

The Board of Sewer Commissioner's Meeting ended at 6:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Johnson, Recording Secretary

Attn Maria Simone

Dear Sewer Commission,

My name is Brenda Cruz and my husband (Derek Cruz) and my self bought my grandmothers small cottage located at 4 Bay Drive Buzzards, Bay in December of 2021... We took a few weeks to meet with contractors and the building inspector and decided early on we had an issue with the property being in the flood zone. We had decided to gut the inside and go for the proper license needed to complete the project. We are still in the beginning stages of going through the town to get approval for our future goals.. This is an ongoing project that needs to go before the zoning board and also the town we decided early on to shut the water off & winterize it and also turn the heat off and lock up the house. The house has been sitting there since January of 2022 empty with no heat or water and no-one being there except an engineer looking inside and outside and several contractors giving us bids. The bathroom is not able to be used and there is no kitchen presently inside the house. We did apply for a building permit but have not acted on doing anything yet since we are trying to raise the house and get it out of the flood zone. I am requesting a sewer bill abatement since we never even used anything to do with the sewer since January of 2022.. Your more then welcome to go look at the house and see that the kitchen is gone and no use to the bathroom.. The back door is open...

We were instructed to pay 1196.28 and see if we can get reimbursed (sewer abatement) which would not even cover what we paid in 2022 also. Please consider reimbursement for us.. This is an 80 year old house and we are in over our heads so any reimbursement would be greatly appreciated..

Thank you for your consideration

Brenda &amp; Derek Cruz

## Maria Simone

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**From:** Louise Warren [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 4:08 PM  
**To:** Maria Simone  
**Subject:** RE: 4 Bay Drive - Water Shutoff Date

Hi, I have no order showing it to be off. They used 16,000 gallons in 2022; 15,000 from Jan-June and only 1,000 July-Dec. Hope this helps!

**From:** Maria Simone <msimone@townofbourne.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 12:45 PM  
**To:** Louise Warren [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 4 Bay Drive - Water Shutoff Date

Hi Louise,

I spoke with the owners of 4 Bay Drive, and they informed me that they have had their water shut off for about a year. Could you please confirm this and, if possible, provide me with a date of shutoff? I believe they mentioned they are doing construction and are looking to request a sewer bill abatement.

Thank you,

Maria Simone  
Administrative Assistant  
Town Administrator's Office  
Town of Bourne  
508.759.0600 x1304

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**Kathleen Thut**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:32 PM  
**To:** All Selectmen; Marlene McCollem  
**Subject:** Support for an additional Professional to Address our Poor Water quality

[REDACTED]

March 2, 2023

Via Email

Dear Members of the Select Board and Town Administrator McCollem,

In a story in the Cape Cod Times February 26, 2023, Keith Barber, president of the Pocasset Water Quality Coalition describes the inability of his family to shellfish for softshell clams. Degraded water quality in Hens Cove, mostly from septic systems and lawn fertilizers are continuing to degrade Cape Cod's shore and pond waters.

The article presents the most recent findings of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod that most embayments have unacceptable water quality. The statistics are frightening: 90% of the Cape's 48 embayments that were evaluated were found to unacceptable water quality. More than half of the evaluated ponds on Cape Cod failed water quality tests.

Failing water quality could be better addressed in the Bourne by hiring a Director of Clean Water reporting to the Town Administrator to provide a professional addressing day-to-day management of Bourne's water quality issues. A person who would be responsible for acting on Bourne's behalf to provide the Select Board, acting as Sewer Commissioners and the Town Administrator a fulltime member of the administration to monitor and execute Bourne's degrading water quality.

To pay for this position, I suggest the annual 3% tax now added to real estate taxes be reduced to accommodate additional resources for this position and to support the cost of implementing the design and construction of wastewater treatment infrastructure. I also support taking part of this 3% Tax and re-allocating it to our Wastewater projects. We can't continue to operate our limited sewerage services off the few residents, including many seniors. We need to develop a town wide tax to support a town wide issue, poor and degrading water quality.

The long-time use of a parttime Board of Sewer Commissioners who also work parttime as members of the Select Board must be supported with professionals who can work fulltime for the town of Bourne.

I hope you will add such a discussion to one of your future meetings. This is not the first time I have suggested such a diversion of tax money for wastewater, and other towns including Mashpee and Orleans have already accomplished this change. We currently have over \$1 Million dollars in our CPA funds, and amount that indicates an over taxation and underutilization of precious taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Mealy