

**Sewer Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Bourne Community Building
Bourne, MA 02532**

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TA Guerino

Sewer Commissioners

Peter Meier, Chairman

Michael Blanton, Vice-Chairman - Excused

Stephen Mealy, Clerk

Don Pickard

George Slade

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Meeting Called to Order

Chm. Meier called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

1) Public Comment

None requested

2) Approval of Minutes: 9-27-16

Voted Don Pickard moved and seconded by George Slade to approve as presented.
Vote 4-0.

3) Update from Wastewater Advisory Committee - Ms. Riggs and Mr. Ewell

Peter Meier said the Memorandum in the packet is from November 16, 2016 from the Waste Water Advisory committee.

Wes Ewell, consultant to the Waste Water Advisory Committee, spoke about the Wastewater Project. As reported before we were hoping to have the interim wastewater project completed by the end of December 2017. Several things have happened and I now recommend to the Wastewater Advisory Committee we change the schedule and look for a completion date of 6 to 12 months later than December 2017. One has to do with the Police Station and the other has to do with the Financing. The Police Station might have a good chance of passing the referendum. If that happened the construction would start the end of 2017. Both the Wastewater project and the Police Station fit on the site to the satisfaction of both committees, but it is tight. During construction of the Police Station any heavy equipment would have to cross the disposal beds. The engineers at Weston & Sampson said

that would probably damage if not destroy those beds. They recommend delay installing those beds until the major part of the structure of the Police Station is built. The second reason is the Financing. On October 5th I got a call from the Administrator of the Mass Works Grant. She asked if we could proceed with the project if we got \$1,500,000 from them instead of the 1.95 million we requested. We would have to come up with the shortfall, and Mr. Guerino told me there wasn't a way we could do that. Weston & Sampson finalized the design; they had a more detailed cost estimate of the project. The cost will be \$1.5 - \$2 million more than we previously estimated. I met with Sally Riggs and recommended we withdraw our application for the Mass Works Grant and delay the estimated completion date of this project 6 months to 1 year to coordinate it with the Police Station. That will give us time to get the rest of the finance lined up, get our waste water disposal permit, and get more definitive cost estimates for the project.

Mr. Ewell questioned the Administrator of the Mass Works Grant if we decline the grant would that impair our ability to get a grant for the next round. She said we would not have to wait until the next round. Once we have the permit in place and have the other finances arranged we could then amend our existing application and if they had funds available they would be able to award a grant at that time. The EDA application is ready to submit. That is a rolling grant and that would cover 50% of the cost of the project. The other options to finance the difference is the State Revolving Loan Fund. It is a low interest state bonding. If the project is in compliance with the regional waste water plant, which our project is, the state forgives 25% of the principal of the loan. The rest of it could be paid off for up to 40 years. We are also looking at other financing, DIF.

Peter Meier questioned if the Cape Cod Commission has any mitigation money that we could use? Mr. Guerino said we have drawn down about \$120,000 worth of mitigation for engineering on this particular project, as well as Mr. Ewell's compensation into this year. I would have to look at what other mitigation funds are available. Any of these funding mechanisms, other than grant funding or mitigation money, will require a Town Meeting vote. We would be better deferring than defaulting.

George Slade questioned would we be able to move forward for the next timetable? Mr. Ewell said yes, we would have the wastewater permit done, which would also include negotiations with the state DEP on the mitigation work. The work the Buzzards Bay Coalition is doing on their long-range plan. We have been working with the Coalition Engineers so our in-kind contribution to their EPA grant is gathering information from our Board of Health on all of the sewer systems in Buzzards Bay. I have been able to extract from that detailed information about the area we want to do the mitigation in. There are houses in that area that are still operating on cesspools that were installed in 1912-1915. They are pumping nitrogen directly into the bay. We may not have to do the 80 houses that we talked about earlier.

We will have our agreement on the mitigation with DEP, we will have our permit in place, and we will have figures done, by an independent agency on the cost estimates. George Slade questioned would there be value in putting this in writing? Mr. Ewell said that is an excellent idea. He will draft a letter for Mr. Guerino to send.

Stephen Mealy questioned items on the Preliminary Budget Estimate. Mr. Ewell spoke about private developers that may be able to complete some of the work. Mr. Mealy questioned some of the cost numbers. Mr. Ewell went over some of the cost numbers.

Mr. Ewell said to go to a public private partnership on the whole project; it would require the town to give up too much control. We wanted to own and be able to manage the facility.

This would just be a small part of the project or separate from the project. It could be an arrangement by where the town took possession of the pump station and maintained it later, but not build it.

4) Discussion with Vincent Michienzi regarding update of 100 Main Street Block Project

Peter Meier said this item has been continued until the January meeting. Mr. Meier said if he gets any information he will report back to the Board.

5) Next Meeting Date (1-31-17)

6) Adjourn

Stephen Mealy asked Mr. Ewell and Ms. Riggs relative to the advisory committee. I have provided the Board of Sewer Commissioners copies of 6 different wastewater allocations Policies to try to develop some type of policy for the Town of Bourne. Would that be something you could assist the Sewer Commissioners with and taking a look at the policy. Ms. Riggs said the committee would be willing to help with that policy. Put it on their next meeting agenda.

Voted Don Pickard moved and seconded by George Slade to adjourn at Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting and reconvene in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 7:09
Vote 4-0.

Respectfully submitted – Carole Ellis, secretary.