

**Sewer Commissioners Meeting  
Minutes of Tuesday, November 28, 2017  
Bourne Community Building  
Bourne, MA 02532**

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**Sewer Commissioners**

Peter Meier, Chairman  
George Slade, Vice-Chairman  
Don Pickard, Clerk  
Judy Froman  
Michael Blanton

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**Meeting Called to Order**

Chm. Meier called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

**Public Comment**

**3) Approval of minutes: 7/12/2017; 9/19/2017; 10/4/2017**

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Judy Froman to accept the minutes of July 12, 2017. **Vote:** 5-0.

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Judy Froman to accept the minutes of September 19, 2017. **Vote:** 5-0.

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by Judy Froman to accept the minutes of October 4, 2017. **Vote:** 5-0.

**4) Update from the Wastewater Facility Design and Building Committee**

- a. Update on project costs
- b. Update of financing
- c. Current coordination efforts with Police Facility Committee

Mary Jane Mastrangelo updated the Committee on the Wastewater Facility Design and Building Committee. The Wastewater Facility project passed at Town Meeting. We received notification from the Cape Cod Commission the preliminary application for the Federal Economic Development Grant did not go forward pass the preliminary step.

Mary Jane read the comment. The application did not sufficiently meet their need criteria to move to the next level. They encouraged us to resubmit a revised proposal. It is important that we rework this and resubmit a proposal. It would be beneficial if the Board of Sewer Commissioners direct the Town Administrator to set up a working group to work together to move forward and put together what needs to be done for the application. That would be a good next step to get the funding secured for this project.

Don Pickard questioned if the questions weren't answered properly?

Mary Jane said when she became Chair of the Wastewater Design and Building Committee she contacted Leslie Richardson and talked about the application. Coreen Moore also provided some great information on how it was identified as an economic zone. We could improve on it.

Don Pickard suggested the Town Administrator be instructed to put staff/professionals together to answer the questions. That way you are not relying on volunteers.

Michael Blanton suggested we augment our staff with resources outside of our staff for some of the expertise.

Judy Froman said staff and the Cape Cod Commission are essential to move forward. Have people that are invested in this project for another set of eyes and input.

Don Pickard suggested to have the Town Administrator, Board of Health Agent, Chairman of the Planning Board, member of the Cape Cod Commission, and Mary Jane Mastrangelo as members of the group.

Peter Meier said we should give orders based on what Leslie Richardson thinks it would take to be successful the second time around.

Don Pickard suggested to identify a date certain that the Town Administrator will have the committee in-place. He can report to the Chair of the Board of Sewer Commissioners who the committee members are.

Tom Guerino stated the most challenging part will be what the regional impact is. Mr. Blanton suggested to use that in a positive way, by stated we could have a regional impact that is beyond just Cape Cod it could benefit three counties.

Judy Froman suggested at the next meeting Tom Guerino give the Committee an update on who the members will be and the general plan for moving forward.

Mary Jane updated the committee on the project. The review of the final information that DEP asked for in terms of the ground water discharge has been provided. They are in the process of drafting the draft permit. The Wastewater Design and Building Committee had a recommendation from Weston & Sampson that we try to do test pits, to do perk test to get DEP to allow us to forgo the load test and do the 6 gallons per day for the fields. DEP

declined that. They are sticking to their regulations. Weston and Sampson has recommended that we go forward without the load test and build the fields as they have been approved, and adjust them later.

The Town Administrator and Mary Jane Mastrangelo had a conference call with Weston and Sampson. Discussed having biweekly conference calls between Kaestle Boos, Weston & Sampson, Wastewater, and Police to make sure everything is being coordinated.

The finalizing of the site to sun and vertical coordination by the Police Facility Committee was supposed to be done by the end of November that is a little behind.

#### **5) Discussion of expanded charge, scope and membership of Wastewater Advisory Committee**

Peter Meier wanted this agenda item because he feels the Wastewater Advisory Committee has outlived its charge. We need to either disband the committee or change their charge.

Don Pickard read the Committee Charge:

The Committee charged the Wastewater Advisory Committee for the Board of Sewer Commissioners to serve as an advisory to the Bourne Board of Sewer Commissioners as it reviews options for wastewater management for the Town with a near-term focus on assisting investors in expanding the wastewater management capacity for the Village of Buzzards Bay and its immediate surrounding area. This near term focus has a particular urgency in the context of pending investment in Bourne's downtown. We had the Wastewater Advisory Committee now we have the Wastewater Construction and Building Committee for the plant. If we are talking about anything beyond Buzzards Bay that would be under the Board of Selectmen. They have completed their charge to this date.

George Slade would like to hear from someone from the Wastewater Advisory Committee before we disband the Committee.

Mary Jane said the focus was supposed to shift to the regional and long term. What has not been worked out is the next step, in terms of the sewer allocation policy, who is going to develop the potential milestones. It would make sense for the Board of Sewer Commissioners to request the Wastewater Advisory Committee to meet and discuss how they are going forward, and bring that back to the Board of Sewer Commissioners for the Sewer Commissioners to decide.

Chris Farrell, Monument Beach, cautioned the Board not to rush into disbanding the committee yet and maybe change their charge going forward. Those people have a lot of knowledge.

Tom Guerino said you may want to branch their charge out to other areas where we have complications relative to wastewater and the various loads.

Michael Blanton said it would be good to fall back on the expertise from the Wastewater Advisory Committee; we should change their focus rather than disband them.

Judy Froman questioned what would be the next village that would be involved. We don't want that committee stagnant but we don't want them working on something that isn't productive in terms of what direction the town will be going either.

Peter Meier said he is going to keep this as an agenda item.

Don Pickard suggested if they are going to go to other villages then we should change the makeup of the committee. You would want members of a village association.

Mr. Pickard agreed with Mr. Mulvey if they keep them on any type of Wastewater Advisory Committee it should be a voter in the town of Bourne.

Michael Blanton spoke about if the expertise is from outside of the Town of Bourne, we should be able to keep those expertise even if they are outside of the voting town.

#### **6) Establish next meeting date**

The next Sewer Commissioners Meeting will be on January 9, 2018

#### **7) Adjourn**

**Voted** Don Pickard moved and seconded by George Slade to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.  
Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted – Carole Ellis, secretary.