

ORLEANS, BREWSTER, EASTHAM GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

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ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

**Board Present:** Charles Sumner, Brewster; Martin McDonald, Eastham.

**Others:** Steve Brito, Assistant Chief Operator; Cyndi Bachman, District Secretary.

1. Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m..
2. A motion was made by Martin McDonald to approve the Board of Managers Minutes dated January 16, 2013. This motion was seconded by Charles Sumner and unanimously approved and passed.
3. Chief Operator Updates - Steve Brito, Assistant Chief Operator:
  - **Process** – Nitrates are running 37 mg/l; all others parameters are running in the single digits.
  - **Draft FY 14 Budget** – The Board reviewed the Budget and deferred it to the next Board of Managers meeting for further review.
  - **Maintenance** – Routine maintenance is being done. After the winter sale we are going to hire the same company that did the septic tank clean out, to do a clean out of filtrate tank No. 3. We will also be removing one of the receiving scales and filling it with concrete.
  - **Flow** – The flows have been strong during the winter sale, but with the sale discount, the plant is not meeting its expenses. The reason we run the sale every winter is to keep the microorganisms alive.
  - **Blowers** – We purchased a new odor control unit and will be working on that project as soon as the winter sale is over.
  - **Snow Storm** – During the recent snow storm the plant had power outages resulting in running the plant on generators for 30 hours and having a staff here alternating six hour shifts. We also did snow removal.

- Martin McDonald stated he read an article in the Cape Cod Times which said Orleans is looking to sewer downtown Orleans as one of their options. It also said they could direct the sewage to this plant, not the new plant, but this one. Can this plant handle direct sewage?
- Steve Brito stated he is not sure if the plant could handle that flow but since it is not set up for sewer, most likely it would not be able to handle it. If they were to change the design, that would be a different story.
- Charlie Sumner stated he doubts DEP would permit it because they want to get this plant's discharge permit reduced. He also stated John Kelly previously mentioned that Orleans is looking to get their design monies for the new plant at the Orleans Town Meeting in the Spring.
- Steve Brito stated the District employees are waiting to hear the outcome of the Orleans Town Meeting in the Spring. We have been told if they go ahead with the design, the plant will be closed May 2015 and there is no estimated time frame of a new plant being built.
- Martin McDonald stated May 2015 is the end of the current Intermunicipal Agreement but it doesn't necessarily mean the plant would be shut down at that time, it just means that Orleans would have to decide on what they want to do.
- Charlie Sumner agreed.
- Martin McDonald stated the Town of Eastham wrote a letter to the Town of Orleans saying we would like to have a meeting and asked they send a copy to Brewster. We don't want to wait until May 2015 to see what Orleans has decided to do.
- Charlie Sumner stated he did not receive that letter and would like to get a copy of it. Brewster's current needs are very modest and after this summer we will have a better idea of what our needs are. He stated John Kelly previously stated Orleans would invite both Brewster and Eastham to a meeting prior to the May 2015 date. Orleans is looking at 5 million dollars for the design of the new plant.
- Steve Brito stated with the news that the plant will be closing, we may get an influx of pumping over the next two years from homeowners concerned that there will not be a place to dump. Also, the Yarmouth plant does not have to take the flow as they are overwhelmed as it is. The Barnstable plant will not let you bring it there unless you have a load on the truck from Barnstable.
- Martin McDonald stated he agrees that people are already thinking along those lines. Chatham has a new plant and I know it is just for Chatham waste but is their capacity more than the needs of Chatham?
- Steve Brito stated from what he understands, Chatham has contracted with a private company who do not want to take any outside septage. They would have to re-negotiate their contract to allow more septage to come into the plant.

- Charlie Sumner stated he talked to the Town Administrator of Harwich and they are actively involved in negotiations with Chatham. Harwich would use the Chatham plant for wastewater and would help subsidize their capital costs. He also stated Brewster may not have a significant need for sewage but we do need to offer the citizens an option for septage. Brewster may want to participate in a new facility here at some level that is appropriate and has an interest in helping build a facility here. Whether we can convince Brewster citizens for approved funding is a whole different issue.
  - Steve Brito stated one of the haulers concerns is going to their respective towns and asking if they will be able to have a transfer trailer in order to haul off Cape.
4. The Board reviewed the District's bank balances.
5. A motion was made by Martin McDonald to approve Treasury Warrant No. 9 for payment. This motion was seconded by Charles Sumner and unanimously approved and passed.
6. Draft FY14 Budget:
- Charlie Sumner asked about the line item showing Wages and asked about the increased amount for FY14.
  - Martin McDonald stated 2 ½ % is a good average for the COLA., and he would like to have an additional column showing percentages for increase or decrease.
  - Charlie Sumner stated Brewster has a 2% step increase and COLA is 1 ½%. He asked that the budget be placed on the Agenda for the next Board of Managers meeting. At that time we can also get what Orleans is giving for COLA from John Kelly.
7. Items for future Agendas:
- Draft Budget FY 14
8. A motion was made by Martin McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.. This motion was seconded by Charles Sumner and unanimously approved and passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Cyndi Bachman  
District Secretary