

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2015  
Date of Transcription: May 21, 2015  
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### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jordan at 6:30 pm

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Sewer Commissioners Present: Marilyn J. Jordan  
Donna M. Bronk  
Susan J. Sweeney  
James R. Giberti  
Malcolm R. White

Others present: Guy Campinha, Sewer Superintendent

### **3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a) May 7, 2015

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to accept the May 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

**VOTE:** 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

### **4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Present before the Board: Anne Ames, 219 Sandwich Rd., Wareham

Ms. Ames complained of the odor problem which she stated was the worst it has been in the past years. She had questions about air quality and the concern when she sees the word "toxic". The use of deodorizers is more chemicals in the air. Ms. Ames referred to a document received by her husband from Mr. Campinha on Sunday (May 10<sup>th</sup>) that was not dated.

Present before the Board: Sally Morrison, 4 Linwood Ave., Wareham

Ms. Morrison expressed the issue of the odor problem and stated that she keeps a "sewer" calendar as others in the neighborhood. The odor problem began April 18<sup>th</sup> and continues to this day. She stated in the past if there was a problem, letters were sent out to the neighbors as to what is being done to mitigate the problem. According to her, Minot Forest School could also smell the odor. The problem affect not only the abutters but also other along Sandwich Road and beyond. The rate payers as well as the residents are affected as they would be fiscally responsible in dealing with the issue. As to residents, it is a matter of the quality of life. She

continued to state that 2 weeks prior to May 10<sup>th</sup> that it was impossible to open the windows due to the odor. Ms. Morrison suggested that to be proactive that the residents be notified by either a robo call (similar to the water department's uses to notified residents). Her last concern was in reading of the possible expansion of the treatment plant.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the expansion made in 2005.

Chairman Jordan thanked the residents for expressing their concerns and informed them that there cannot be a guarantee of "no odor" from the treatment plant. She also stated that there should not be concern over air quality being toxic as there are air quality monitors with alarms along the perimeter of the plant to protect the employees. No alarms were set off. Chairman Jordan apologized for what the residents had to endure and the fact that notification was not sent out and assured them that this would not occur in the future.

Commissioner Giberti requested if contact information (emails, phone numbers) of the residents would be made available to the Board. Ms. Morrison would pass this on to the residents.

Commissioner Bronk expressed support for communication between all parties through email or other means.

Commissioner Sweeney asked for patience and understanding from the residents as the problem is addressed.

Discussion continued with Commissioners and Ms. Morrison and Ms. Ames.

Director Campinha reported that the basin has about 12 inches left in the basin and should be emptied by the next day. Misters have been installed and they are running. The basin should be emptied by the end the next day.

Commissioner Bronk questioned how this can be prevented in the future. Director Campinha stated that a few years past it was looked at a fiberglass cover (costing \$4 to \$8 million dollars). The concern would be the snow load on the cover. Other options may be possible; however, the winter storm created an unanticipated problem.

Present before the Board: Dave Worden, Ladd Ave

Mr. Worden expressed concern regarding the odor affecting the air quality on persons with health issues.

Present before the Board: Bobbie Austin, 5 Linwood Ave

Ms. Austin expressed the concern of odor causing health risks. She has headaches due to lack of sleep and the odor upsetting her stomach.

## **5. SEWER BUSINESS**

- a) Report on Draft Capital Improvement Plan by GHD Engineering

Present: Marc Drainville and Russ Kleeklamp of GHD Engineering

Mr. Drainville presented a power point presentation of the draft CIP which included highlighted priority projects. The age of the infrastructure is a main component in a CIP project and the life expectancy of the mechanical systems. A brief overview of the WPCF projects includes a criticality analysis. The components are the collection system, pump stations and the sewer facility. (report attached). Discussion ensued. A copy of the draft CIP to be forwarded to Tighe & Bond.

## **6. SEWER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. IMA (Inter Municipal Agreement) .**

Mr. Campinha informed the Board of the IMA between Wareham and Bourne which allows the WPCF to receive up to 20,000 gallons/day from Bourne. Every 5 years the Sewer Commissioners of both Towns are to meet and review the Agreement. Brief discussion ensued as to which board – Selectmen or Sewer Commissioners – should be meeting with Bourne officials. Mr. Campinha will check this with Town Counsel.

### **2. Grease Policy**

Mr. Campinha would like to implement the Grease policy adopted by the previous Sewer Commissioners on July 8, 2014. He suggested a one day seminar for all restaurant owners and businesses dealing with grease. The policy to be explained to the business owners.

AN ASIDE: Commissioner Bronk raised the issue of the policy regarding disposal of funeral home waste. Mr. Campinha explained that it is a procedure and the hauler has an agreement with the facility for scheduled maintenance. In the case of an emergency dumping, the hauler would call Mr. Campinha's cell phone and he will meet the hauler at the WPCF.

Mr. Campinha would like to hold the meeting with restaurants in July. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Giberti suggested that part of the licensing requirements would be the establishment have an maintenance agreement with a hauler.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to not enforce the policy until after the meeting with restaurant owners. Not seconded.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk to send letter to all restaurant informing them that the grease policy adopted on July 8, 2014 that has not be implemented and request that they review the policy and meet with the Board in the early fall to finalize the policy. Not seconded.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sweeney moved to send letters and policy adopted by the Board of Selectmen on July 8, 2014 but not enforced as of yet to all restaurant and food service establishments for them to read and be aware of the policy. An informational meeting to follow up in September to go over the policy, invite their comments and discussion of implementation. Commissioner Bronk seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

3. Greasezilla

Mr. Campinha informed the Board that the contract has been signed and the first payment has been received by Downey Ridge Environmental Company and they will be here next week to go over the location of where it would be placed. Construction has already begun and it would take about 8 weeks to build.

4. Sewer Commissioners email

Mr. Campinha advised the board that the [sewercommssioners@wareham.ma.us](mailto:sewercommssioners@wareham.ma.us) email address is active. All email will be forwarded to the individual Commissioners email address.

5. Abatements

Mr. Campinha requested what is the Board's pleasure in regards as to when to handle abatements.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved the Board adopt an Abatement Evaluation policy that the Sewer Commissioners review and act upon applications for abatements on the last meeting of each month. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

6. Membership to Buzzards Bay Coalition

Mr. Campinha informed the Board that he is waiting for a response to his email to the State Ethic Commission regarding the possibility of him becoming a member of the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

7. Website for WPCF department

Mr. Campinha stated that he would be gathering information about a program that would establish an interactive website for the Sewer department. This will be a constant inflow of information to the public.

8. E1 Low Pressure System

Mr. Campinha expressed the concern of the E1 electric boxes that were purchased in 2009 with a 5 year warranty. Currently, the warranties have expired on 5 new pumps that are still available to the homeowner. Some of the boxes already installed have failed and WPCF has provided replacement parts from what is on hand.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved that two (2) low pressure spare pumps be available at all times. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL

a) Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2015

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bronk moved to accept the May 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner Giberti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting scheduled for May 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm with CPower to make a presentation on the Demand Response Proposal.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Giberti moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bronk seconded.  
VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted

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Attest:

  
**Susan J. Sweeney, Clerk**

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date Signed: 6/11/15

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