

Town of Tisbury
Sewer Advisory Board
Open Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Meeting Convened: 4:00 PM

Sewer Advisory Board Present: Melinda Loberg, Tomar Waldman, Josh Goldstein, Jeff Pratt, Jeff Kristal, Dan Seidman, John Best

Audience Recognized: James Stinemire, Michael Alberice, Bob Rafferty, Jon Snyder, Mark White, George Sourati (SEG), Phil Wallis (MVMuseum), Jay Grande (via phone)

Approval of Minutes: No meeting minutes were submitted. Waived until next meeting – Melinda working to update past minutes.

52 William Street: (Robert E. & Elise S. Elliston) On sewer for 7+years & never billed – estimate of \$46K loss to town. Hooked up per BOH due to storm water infiltration – given special consideration – property owners privately hooked up & never contacted billing @ DPW. Discussion: Whether or not to prorate and recoup some of loss . . .pros/cons. Decided to initiate billing today for the new quarter and just move forward.

MV Museum: (George Sourati, Phil Wallis & EP Bob Rafferty) Plans to connect museum to sewer.

Discussion: Construction & connection. Decided on new type of grinder/pump – needs service contract for maintenance, alarms, flushing, etc. Getting a spare to have on hand at WW – staff will look at & decide whether they want training on to maintain. Connection will directionally drilled under Mud Creek by the bridge. Phil offered connections to abutters into museum sewer pipe if requested. There will be a café on site however all food will be made off-premise & therefore no need for grease trap.

Motion: Josh & Dan to accept. . . .2nd by Tomar & John. . . . Passed unanimously.

WICKS: (EP Bob Rafferty & Mark White / Wright –Pierce, Town Administrator Jay Grande) Project began 7 years ago & spent \$700K so far. Latest 10/4/17 correspondence (distributed) is a reply to the preliminary engineering design proposal scope –to provide the town with a total cost for installation, connection and staffing to bring the WICKs fully on-line. Future expansion of sewerage in town depends on vertical leaching capacity that will provide opportunity to expand treatment facility capacity & reduce nitrogen content in watershed. We anticipate a planning meeting Tuesday, October 17th with Town/School Engineer/EP & WP. EP & WP need to come together in a collaborative effort to accomplish this goal for the town.

Discussion: Melinda – 50K from last year's budget available so there is enough for 49K contract w/WP. Josh/Kristal/Dan/Pratt: need to know itemized capital costs – O&M and staffing specific requirements once up & running – when/how WICKS are rehabbed – accurate performance tracking & costs. Mark/Bob/Jay: Still LOTS of unknowns: operational – yes, problems – yes. Until it's up & running won't really know annual O&M costs. DEP supports a piloting program for 2 summer seasons to better understand O&M costs. Currently running 104K gallons/day (52K per leach pit) increase potential to 200K and phase out fields. Kristal/John/Melinda: Question about alternative leach areas instead of WICKS? Originally, looked all over but available sites were too far away from WW plant & that's why WICK solution began. O&M monitoring, rehabbing the well (need crane/rig?) is an expensive effort – how often? Mark/Bob: Nitrogen removal determines size of leachif nitrogen could be removed at plant, leach field foot print might be reduced (currently at 4 parts nitrogen) and continue on this path & increase their actual capacity? Jon Snyder (Treasurer) – do we go forward & spend more . . .”sunk costs don't count” - will there be enough of a return on this \$41K to make a difference?

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Pratt/Jay/Tomar – will 41K give us O&M of the future – need a clear commitment of info – can we look at other WICKS (off island different soil/but MV more permeable).

Motion: Dan to accept with caveat of O&M estimate going forward. 2nd by Tomar & John . . .

Discussion – Tomar/Josh/Kristal/Jay/Mark/Pratt would like to hear from other WICKS – need tangible/explicit numbers & information (construction, rehab, staff needs) to make critical path decision. Jay Grande: prior contract with WP didn't specify performance standards/objectives which is very unusual/awkward for spending \$700K. Dan/Kristal/Pratt – ask for firm schedule (milestone dates) scope of service time frame. But should follow with program a little further – with firm dates and commitments of answers for Warrant Deadlines. WICKS construction NOT part of USDA Funding – can reapply once decision made. WARRANT ARTICLES DEADLINE is 12/1/2017@4:30pm. Call for vote on Motion: Passed unanimously

Motion: Kristal moves to get estimates for new leach fields (school & William Street). 2nd by Josh & Dan. Passed unanimously.

68 Lagoon: Looking to connect to sewer – put panel on house behind not on new property & haven't heard from them. Postponed to next meeting – panel has not been to site.

DPW Abatement Meters: Postponed to next meeting – need a timeline for online training. Waiting for meter to arrive & bring tech out for training & the cellular service.

EP Headworks Plans: Accepted 2 Bids (Huber & Current Supplier)

Discussion: Mark/Dan/Josh – Huber 188K (time frame exceptions may be unacceptable – overseas manufacture). Current provider 275K couldn't meet deadlines (before next tourist season). Give Huber a contract with milestone dates and offer incentive \$ for meeting dates? Huber could supply a temporary unit so continuously operating in case they cannot make their deadline.

Motion: Dan to accept with assurances from Huber's manufacturers of part delivery. 2nd by Josh. Passed unanimously

New Business: Josh/James – Grease Pumping returning to finish Mansion House 10/16 at 7:30AM unacceptable time (very disruptive for guests). Could not keep original schedule because truck was full. Marie needs to deal with the TIME terms of their contract – need bigger truck or new company. WW wanted them to come before/after season with a bigger tank.

Next meeting agenda item: Kristal - discuss separating WW from the DPW.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. Next meeting November 8, 2017

This document is the official Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Town of Tisbury Sewer Advisory Board held on October 11, 2017. These minutes were presented and duly voted and approved by the Advisory Board at the Open Meeting held on

Chairperson

Date