

Town of Tisbury
Sewer Advisory Board
Open Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting Convened: 4:03PM

Sewer Advisory Board Present: Melinda Loberg (Selectman), Jeff Pratt (Board of Health), Josh Goldstein (User), Dan Seidman (Planning Board), John Best (Conservation Committee), Christina Colorusso (DPW Rep), Nancy Gilfoy (Finance and Advisory).

Staff Present:

Michael Alberice (Wastewater), Jon Snyder (Town Treasurer), David Thompson (Superintendent)

Others:

Jeff Kristal (Selectman), Bob Rafferty (Environmental Partners)

Approval of minutes:

Meeting minutes of January 15, 2020 were approved with one abstention.

Superintendent's Report:

- 53.64% of the fiscal year has passed. Expenditures to date on salaries are at 48.33%. Overall Budget expenses are at 40.1% so we are on track.
- Melinda asked about failing equipment. David replies that they have purchased a new pump, replacing the one that no longer works.
- David also spoke about purchasing a new Headworks which is a project that is underway, and the removing of the Grit screenings.
Several questions about the Headworks including when will it be operational? Will it be cost effective? Where will the screenings go?
- May 20th is the proposed finished date for the headworks project - postponed from March 31st. Jay Grande will work with EPG to ensure compliance with the USDA grant.
- David Thompson is considering using shipping containers for removal of screenings.
- David discussed the NEWEA Conference (Capital Improvement plan for USDA approval, and approval for our 2021 permit renewal). He was excited about potential new technologies that he would like to review further.
- SRF grants for nitrogen forgiveness require fiscal sustainability plan as part of CWMP.
We need to conduct risk calculations on new plant expansions and a risk assessment for equipment failure.
- David believes we have reached the ceiling on our sewer rates and that we should avoid making any increases.

Abatement meters:

The new meters will be compatible with the waterworks and will make the process easier for them to read.
We should adhere to the abatement meter policy we set forth and that was approved by the BOS.

Update on Wastewater Flow at Fella's:

Questions on a new restaurant opening; will they need to increase flow? They are currently at 1250 gallons per day. Because there are no increases in seating, no additional flow will be granted at this time. There had been an additional 500gpd allotted to Fella in advance of a transfer of the building to Blue Crab catering because Fella thought they would need additional flow. The flow was granted, but it sunsetted prior to any new development of the property.

Mansion House Flow Discussion: 220

Mansion house has requested ~~900~~ more gallons per day, (IS 220 GPD) Josh discussed plans for increased flow needed for the pre-existing basement prep kitchen. David discussed the amount of flow the plant has taken on, including they are over-committed with the amount of flow they currently have assigned, even though it is not all being used at present.

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Questions are posed about exceeding the flow allocation. Increasing user fees for overusing their sewage? Original regulations had a penalty imposed (financial) for going over the allocation, but it hasn't been enforced.

It's proposed the hotel could use a Floom, a WIFI enabled device to monitor water flow in real time.

Motion:

Dan proposed to turn over the approval to David and at this time they are not going to increase the flow of the Mansion house prep kitchen because it is pre-existing and its flow is already accounted for in the original allocation. The message will be conveyed to the Board of Health. It is seconded by Jeff. All vote yes with Josh abstaining.

Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan:

Jeff Pratt raised a discussion of the expansion of the plant to ease the strain on the existing plant. The wastewater committee has authorized the town to move forward with the CWMP which will include options of expansion of the plant.

Motion:

Jeff proposed to approve the two warrant articles and the FY-21 budget, the motion is seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

Doreen Kinsman – 5 Beach St. M9A-L7: request to tie into sewer

This does not require our approval because she has been paying a betterment and is entitled to connection to the collection.

Second Meeting Date:

Melinda has proposed a second meeting for Feb. 26, 2020 in order to make progress on regulations for the new State Road Sewer District. All agreed to meet on Feb. 26.

Motion made to adjourn meeting:

Close the meeting at 5:30 pm.