

Tisbury Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
January 13, 2022
Minutes

January 13, 2022, 4:04pm

Committee Members attending: Jeff Pratt, Christina Colarusso, Tomar Waldman, Connie Alexander, Daniel Seidman, Chris Scott

Absent: Jeff Kristal

Staff: Kirk Metell, Jared Meader, Melinda Byers

Consultants: Bob Rafferty of Environmental Partners

Guests: Jamie Douglas

Jeff Pratt motioned to approve minutes from August 11, 2021, Tomar Waldman seconded.

Vote: Jeff Pratt (aye), Daniel Seidman (aye), Christina Colarusso (aye) Tomar Waldman (abstained)

Connie Alexander did not join the meeting until 4:25pm.

Motion passed (4-0-1)

Wastewater Superintendent report

Last rate increase was 2017, State prefers we use a tiered billing system as it promotes water conservation. Every customer on the system will pay a minimum of \$400.00 each quarter. The cost of materials and services have increased on average 30% this year. Certain people on fixed incomes, people over 65, disabled, veterans could apply for a flat rate. Additionally, implementing fees for abatement meters, late notices, demand notices, returned check fees, inspection fees, commercial property inspection fees, grease trap inspections, CCTV camera fees and disconnect and re-connection fees. Also, we are considering a monthly billing instead of quarterly. The 2023 budget expenses have been reduced by 11% overall. There is a new retained budgeted surplus allotment of \$73,000.00. The NEIWPCC staffing assessment report states a plant this size should have 5 employees. We have 2.5 currently. There are two vacant positions that we are trying to fill. Jared Meader proposed promoting Mike Alberice to Chief Operator.

80 Lagoon Pond Rd

After consulting with Bob Rafferty and before moving forward with this change of use application, we would like a plumbing as-built of both structures on the property. There are multiple lines that are not mapped out. The three little cottages on the property will be used for employee housing.

Jeff Pratt motioned to continue application until more information is obtained. Connie Alexander seconded.

Vote: Jeff Pratt (aye), Connie Alexander (aye), Tomar Waldman (aye), Chris Scott (abstained), Daniel Seidman(aye), Christina Colarusso (aye)

Motion passed (5-0-1)

57 Lagoon Pond Rd

Garage, storage shed being converted to an office. He is requesting a change of use permit and an additional 75 gallons a day. He is already approved for over 500 gallons so it's unnecessary to approve additional gallons. We will approve the change of use without adding additional flow.

Jeff Pratt motioned to approve Jared Meader's recommendation that allotment for the system had already been planned for and doesn't exceed that. Christina Colarusso seconds.

Vote: Jeff Pratt (aye), Connie Alexander (aye), Tomar Waldman (aye), Chris Scott (aye), Daniel Seidman (aye), Christina Colarusso (aye)

Motion passed (6-0-0)

Article VII

Standardizing the way billing is done, collecting late fees and establishing policies for collection.

Working on getting payment plan options in place and offering online payments.

Article B1 Sewer District Overlay

Currently set up based on Map and Parcel numbers not taking into consideration that a property could subdivide. The potential of one property no longer being in the sewer district. Bob Rafferty created a map overlay showing the sewer district. Maps are available at the Wastewater Dept.

State Road B2 Sewer District update

Going out to bid this fall 2022. Applying for a Mass Works Grant in May which is 100% grant. Also, EP is evaluating whether to redesign the plant upgrade. If the redesign is successful with the technology we are trying to utilize, it could save up to \$200,000.00 in construction costs. The design yields another 35,000 gallons a day in addition to what we have. There are sewer overlay maps at the Wastewater Dept. The main sewer line will be a pressure line going down the center of the road and a lift station pumping out over the hill and into the sewer plant.

9 Main Street Settlement

Jared Meader met with the Goldstein's and reached a settlement of \$21,400.00. They were given a 30-day timeframe to complete the job and they finished it in 28 days. The penalty fee was based on the rate of \$100 a day for a total of 214 days. The estimate of 15,000 - 25,000 gallons of groundwater per day was pumped in the town's wastewater treatment plant. This was a first infraction.

26 Union Street will become Mad Martha's ice cream. We are implementing a new under the sink chiller technology grease trap for locations with limited space.

Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 4:00pm