

**Tisbury Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Zoom Meeting  
February 10, 2022  
**Meeting Minutes**

February 10, 2022, 4:08pm

**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:** John Best, Spring Sheldon

**Approval of January 13, 2022, meeting minutes:**

Connie Alexander wants it noted that she missed most of the January 13th meeting. She did not receive notice of the meeting and joined at 4:25pm. Her second request was to correct the phrase "State Road B2 Sewer District update goes out to bid this fall 2022."

**Christina Colarusso** motions to approve minutes with modifications. **Alexander** seconds.

**Vote:** Jeff Pratt (yes), Dan Seidman (yes), Connie Alexander (yes), Chris Scott (yes) and Christina Colarusso (yes).

**Motion passed: (5-0-0)**

First order of business is to recommend a candidate to the Select Board who will represent the Sewer Advisory Committee on the Water Resources Committee. The two interested parties are Chris Scott who is a current Sewer Advisory member and John Best who is a current representative on the Water Resources Committee.

The Wastewater Superintendent would like the applicant to be a current board member of the Sewer Advisory Committee.

Each party has a moment to speak and answer the question "what skills do you have that can help facilitate the CWMP?"

**Chris Scott:** Admits to being new to these committees and boards. Believes he has a fresh set of eyes. He is a longtime Vineyard resident. Wants to be a voice for future generations. Will work hard on this committee if we recommend him. Has experience with project management.

His understanding of the Water Resource Committees mission and goals is as follows:

He believes that it is to put into plan a new sewer plant, stormwater management, look at wastewater systems that are alternatives to today's septic systems and make suggestions to Selectman. It is an entire water management plan for the town.

His experience has been running complicated businesses and planning projects. He will ask a lot of questions and facilitate future conversations if chosen.

**John Best:** Served on the Sewer Advisory Committee for 5 years. He is familiar with all the Sewer Advisory members. He attended these meetings as a private citizen. The main consideration is that he has been in water resources since Sept/Oct and attending the meetings when he was not appointed. He is keenly interested in the CWMP. He has done this type of planning for 40 years. He has experience in wastewater planning for the town of Oak Bluffs for 2 years in the early 1980's. He worked as a

professional and as a volunteer. His academic training is in planning. He would be the only person on WRC familiar with Tisbury system since its onset. He can provide continuity. He would be happy to step aside for somebody else on the Sewer Advisory Committee once the CWMP is completed. He signed out early today from the CWMP meeting so he may attend this one. He spent 16 years on the MV Commission as Tisbury's elected representative.

He is aware of the needs of the town like nitrogen reduction and affordable housing needs that may involve wastewater. He has already been a member of WRC and only missed 4 of those meetings as a voting member.

It is reiterated that the WRC acts as an advisory board only.

**Connie Alexander** motions to vote on who should be the WRC appointee. **Dan Seidman** seconds.

**Vote:**

Jeff Pratt: John Best

Connie Alexander: John Best

Dan Seidman: John Best

Tomar Waldman: Chris Scott

Chris Scott: Abstain

Christina Colarusso: Chris Scott

**Vote:(3-2-1) John Best will be the representative to go in front of the selectman.**

Should the board not honor the recommendation, Chris Scott is then able to participate.

#### **Superintendent's report:**

We met with the DEP and went over our permit. We are posting it for a public hearing. We made some minor changes. We asked to have suspended solids tested twice a month instead of weekly. This saves time and money in lab costs. They agreed to this if we don't use the Wicks.

The second part of the discussion was possible changes to the type of upgrade we will do during the upgrade. We can do JET tech technology. They will allow us to do a WP 68 which reviews the design instead of starting the process over. We will get the information from the manufacturer of the modeling of the jet tech technology and submit it for review by the DEP.

We wanted the new permit to be based on a 2-day average for our flow days. We have exceeded our flow limits in the past the way the batches cycle. The SBR is a batch process and depending how much flow you have the last batch could be at 11:59pm at night. That could put us over the limit. The DEP said no to that request, they asked us just to note it in our reporting when it happens.

**Bob Rafferty, Environmental Partners CWMP report:** Update with the WRC. There is a planning board meeting next week. We will get input to help with our cross projections. The committee will get us their comments. The week after we will finalize and present to the select board by the end of March. There will then be a public meeting discussing the needs analysis. We will do a lot of outreaches again. Input from the people about their community and their priorities is essential. The criteria we should be looking for is alternatives to solve wastewater issues. There will be a much more intense public outreach component in the next year.

#### **190 Beach Rd.**

Vineyard Wind was initially approved flow conditionally and gave them 90 days to go in front of the MVC. They have made it through the MVC. The recommendation is to allow an additional 90 days for them to process the permits with the Conservation Commission.

**Connie Alexander:** Motions to continue allocation for another 90 days while they are permitting through the Con Com. The 90 days shall end at the May Sewer Advisory Meeting.

**Tomar Waldman:** Seconds

**Vote:**

Jeff Pratt, yes  
Connie Alexander, yes  
Chris Scott, yes  
Tomar Waldman, yes  
Dan Seidman, yes  
Christina Colarusso, yes

**Motion passed: (6-0-0)**

The Wastewater Department has not been contacted about testing for PFAS. Currently, the Tisbury Water Department does test for PFAS in the water. Their report states that no levels are detected. The initial impression is that it's a costly measure and does not need to be done at this time by the Wastewater Department.

It is also noted that no town on island is testing for COVID.

The reasoning is that we are a seasonal community and to get an accurate impression we would need a broader sewer area.

Since the notification of lead in the water at the Tisbury School, the wastewater department added a lead test to their current samples. This will determine if there is lead in the wastewater.

**24 Union Street:**

New Mad Martha's change of use application. There is no grease trap at that location. They state they are not making ice cream. Cleaning ice cream products are still considered fats. New regulations state that restaurants must have a 1000-gal capacity or 24 hours detention time. After consulting with the BOH, a determination to allow the Guardian Grease Trap systems was made. Moving forward, the smallest capacity grease trap allowed will be 100lb.

It is noted that there are only a few companies selling these grease traps and that a rough estimate of cost would be roughly between \$4,000.00-\$6000.00.

If the menu changes and more types of food are added, they will need to come before this committee for another change of use.

The current flow is 400 gallons. Nineteen seats would require 380 gallons of flow, so no increase is necessary.

**Connie Alexander:** Motions to approve the change of use contingent upon the installation of a Guardian Grease Trap system that the Wastewater superintendent is recommending.

**Jeff Pratt:** Seconds the motion

**Vote:**

Jeff Pratt: yes  
Connie Alexander: yes  
Chris Scott: yes  
Tomar Waldman: yes  
Dan Seidman: yes  
Christina Colarusso: yes

**Motion passed: (6-0-0)**

**48 Main Street:**

The old Mad Martha's property change of use application. It already has 1000-gallon grease trap. The seating is German style seating which consists of a long table where diners sit together.

**Spring Sheldon:** We are doing prepared food, meal kits, tastings and renting it out for parties and wedding parties. It's a multi-use space. A large table that seats 24 people but also be able to host a 50-person event. We will only do events 3-4 nights a week during the summer, not throughout the entire year.

The original flow was 2,010 gallons. Initially the flow would be reduced to 700 gallons. The owner

says she will have a few functions a week. The recommendation is to allow 1200 gallons of flow. This takes into consideration the 2 bedrooms above the space and the 50 people capacity per event. The Wastewater Dept is no longer doing grease trap inspections. The BOH is responsible for them. The consensus is that inspections may not have been done for several years. The property already has the BOH's approval. It is noted that neither Maura or Katie at the BOH would not allow approval of a license without knowledge and approval of a grease trap.

**Connie Alexander:** Motions to approve the change of use for 48 Main Street to a reduction of flow of 1200 gallons per day contingent on Jared Meader checking with the BOH as to when the last inspection of the grease trap was and if one is needed, we will get that right away.

**Jeff Pratt:** Seconds

**Vote:**

Jeff Pratt-yes

Connie Alexander-yes

Tomar Waldman-yes

Chris Scott-yes

Dan Seidman-yes

Christina Colarusso-yes

**Motion passed: (6-0-0)**

### **80 Lagoon Pond Rd:**

Service connection/flow increase application. They are adding an additional 6 bedrooms to the 4 they already have. The bedrooms will be used for summer and year-round staff of the Marina. The current flow is 440 gallons a day. There will be a flow increase of 660 gallons making the total flow 1,100 gallons a day.

The Wastewater Superintendent has 3 conditions he would like in place prior to approval of this application.

1. Upgrade the current simplex grinder pump to a duplex grinder pump. It would need to be an E1 Duplex system with the century system.
2. Place the system on the property closest to the road. It can be up on the hill and away from the flood plain.
3. For safety purposes, the control box should be placed where the operator can visually see the chamber and operate the panel simultaneously.

**Jeff Pratt:** Motions to approves the 1100-gallon flow with an increase of 660 gallons and approve the change of use with the stipulation of the installation of the Duplex system and Jared's conditions.

**Tomar Waldman:** Seconds

**Vote:**

Jeff Pratt-yes

Chris Scott-abstain

Tomar Waldman- yes

Daniel Seidman-yes

Connie Alexander-yes

Christina Colarusso-yes

**Motion passed: (5-0-1)**

Motion to adjourn

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