

## **Tisbury Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting**

Zoom Meeting

February 8, 2023

Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members:** Jeff Pratt, John Best, Daniel Seidman, Chris Scott, Tomar Waldman, Connie Alexander

**Staff:** Jared Meader, Melinda Byers

**Jeff Pratt:** Calls the meeting to order at 4:02pm. Starts with approval of November 17, 2022 minutes.

**Tomar Waldman:** Motion to approve the minutes.

**Dan Seidman:** Seconds

I also wanted to make sure that the moratorium was 120 days from the last meeting.

**Jared Meader:** Yes, that is exactly how it was worded.

### **Vote:**

John Best (abstain)

Dan Seidman (aye)

Chris Scott (aye)

Connie Alexander (aye)

Jeff Pratt (aye)

Tomar Waldman (aye)

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

### **Superintendent's Report:**

#### **Flow allocation Moratorium**

I heard from the Select Board about the sewer stay. They did not want to use the word moratorium. They did not approve 120 days. They approved 60 days and want us to go back, show them what has been achieved and how much more time we need. The maximum being 120 days. They would like to see the working document in 60 days and maybe it will be completed by then.

#### **Sewer District Realignment Articles**

I wrote 3 articles. We added some properties to the B1 sewer district. Where the VNA currently is. Someone on the Breakdown Lane wants to tie in. After reviewing with Bob Rafferty, we decided to add the properties between the sober house & the VNA. It is 7 properties, all commercial.

**John Best:** Approximate flow?

**Jared Meader:** The calculations are not completed but we have available 30-35,00 gallons of flow available to us. That is why we are doing this article, to determine how to divide it up.

**Jeff Pratt:** Do any of these properties include residential or employee housing?

**Jared Meader:** Not at this time but it appears to be the intent of the person who wants to tie in.

Next, we removed from the B2 district the properties near Evelyn's Way, the Red Barn and Angel's Autobody. They are not in the watershed and serve no purpose as far as nitrogen reduction. That allowed us to put 2 properties into the B2 district. One being the bank which we discussed previously and the other, Bob Sawyer's property next to the cemetery. Bob wants to put 11 units of affordable housing there.

**Jeff Pratt:** I remember we turned him down in the past, correct?

**Jared Meader:** Yes, but the realignment afforded us some options. We applied for a Mass Works grant last year for the B2 district and were denied because they wanted more community participation. We have a committal from the bank as I spoke to at the last meeting. We determined that instead of doing a lift station, the El pumps can pump all the way here to the plant. We won't necessarily need a lift station on the lower half of State Rd. They are willing to install 1200 feet of main from State Rd all the way to the VNA. The current line that comes to the plant from the VNA, is a suitable size to do the lower half of State Rd. Then we are working with Robert Sawyer and Brook Katzen to get them to commit to installing a piece of main that would connect to Evelyn Way. That opens us up for urban development for housing which has grant money available. We are hoping to obtain enough grant money to be able to do the water main at the same time.

By doing this we would be able to eliminate the lift station at High Point Lane and ultimately save the project approximately half of a million dollars.

**Dan Seidman:** Are you removing the same number of properties that you are adding?

**Jared Meader:** We are removing 8 commercial lots and adding 4.

**Dan Seidman:** Can't we just agree that it makes sense to have Jared submit the articles and we withdraw it later if we must?

**John Best:** There are some problems I see with not discussing this further. We need a meeting.

**Jeff Pratt:** Motion to submit articles as is to make Friday deadline and we schedule a meeting in a reasonable amount of time to discuss further. We can pull articles at that time if we need to.

**Connie Alexander:** Seconds

**Vote:**

Tomar Waldman (yes)

Connie Alexander: (yes)

Chris Scott (yes)

Dan Seidman (yes)

John Best (yes)

Jeff Pratt (yes)

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

**Martha's Vineyard Museum**

**Jared Meader:** For years we have had issues with them abating more flow than what's being used. The Water Dept is not working with us on this. We have learned that they probably need a compound meter. There is a 2' line coming in and it breaks down into a 5/8" line and divides into 2 of those and it is not capturing all the flows. We have discussed having them put in a service line just for their irrigation. We will not grant any more abatements moving forward until this is resolved.

**Tisbury School Leaching Field**

**Jared Meader:** I had a meeting with the school committee. I asked them if after the school is finished and they remove the modulars, we would like to put a leaching field under the playground. We are looking at it for an effluent bed so that at the end of the CWMP if we decide to increase the plant size, we have areas to get rid of the water that are not in the watershed.

**Connie Alexander:** Can we still irrigate the fields?

**Jared Meader:** Yes

**Jeff Pratt:** Motion to adjourn 4:39PM

Next meeting is Wednesday February 22, 2023 @ 3pm via Zoom