

**Tisbury Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Hybrid Meeting  
March 17, 2022

**Minutes**

March 17, 2022, 4:05pm

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

**Absent:** Jeff Pratt

**Selectman:** Jeff Krystal

**Staff:** Jon Snyder, Jared Meader, Melinda Byers

**Consultants:** Bob Rafferty of Environmental Partners

**Guests:** John Best, Naji Boustany

**Approval of August 11, 2022, meeting minutes:**

**Christina Colarusso:** It is 16:05, we are going to call this meeting to order. First order of business is the August 11<sup>th</sup> minutes that Connie Alexander typed. The only thing I noticed was that my name was spelled incorrectly. Does that matter? Does anyone know?

**Jeff Krystal:** It should be corrected.

**Christina Colarusso:** Does anyone have any questions about the minutes? Does anyone have a motion on the minutes?

**Dan Seidman:** Motion to accept the minutes with the spelling correction of Christina Colarusso's name.

**Jeff Krystal:** I wasn't there but I will second the motion.

Vote: Dan Seidman (aye), Connie Alexander (aye), Jeff Krystal (abstain), Chris Scott (abstain)

Christina Colarusso (aye), Tomar Waldman (abstain)

**Motion passed (3-0-3)**

**Approval of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting minutes:**

**Christina Colarusso:** Second order of business to approve minutes from Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Dan Seidman:** Was this the meeting that Jeff Pratt asked the specific question of whether the Water Resources Committee appointee had to be a current Sewer Advisory member?

**Christina Colarusso:** The minutes don't reflect that question, but we were given clarification after the meeting from Pam Bennett at the Town Hall. The charter reads, "it ***shall*** be a member of the Sewer Advisory Board"

**Dan Seidman:** I don't understand why it changed. Did we not consult the charter in the first place?

**Christina Colarusso:** It was a miscommunication. Any further discussion on these minutes? We will vote by roll call.

Vote: Connie Alexander (aye), Dan Seidman (aye), Tomar Waldman (aye), Chris Scott (aye), Jeff Krystal (abstain) Christina Colarusso (aye)

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

**Water Resources Committee Appointee:**

**Christina Colarusso:** As I mentioned, after clarification from the Town Hall, the Water Resources

Committee appointee *shall* be currently on the Sewer Advisory Committee. We need to reappoint a new member from this board.

**Jeff Krystal:** Motion to appoint Chris Scott to the Water Resources Committee since he was the other person interested.

**Dan Seidman:** I have nominated myself. At the time the two interested parties were John Best and Chris Scott. That was before we knew that the charter required it to be a current Sewer Advisory Committee member. I have the experience of being on the committee for over a decade then being off it and now back on it. I have a better grasp on the situation. I am grateful Chris Scott is participating and wants to learn. This is not a position to learn as you go.

**Jeff Krystal:** Is that a discussion or a second to my motion?

**Christina Colarusso:** Jeff Krystal motioned for Chris Scott and Dan Seidman makes a separate motion to nominate himself to the Water Resources Committee.

**Jared Meader:** Last time we gave each candidate a moment to speak on his behalf. There was also a determination that if John Best could not accept the appointment, then Chris Scott would be the party appointed to the Water Resources Committee.

**Dan Seidman:** That was based on incorrect information so that would negate that alternate.

**Christina Colarusso:** There are two different motions. Connie Alexander, do you have any suggestions as to how we proceed?

**Connie Alexander:** I think we should follow the same process we did last time. Give each candidate a few minutes to speak and then vote.

**Christina Colarusso:** Let's start with Chris Scott.

**Chris Scott:** Since the last meeting I did some research. I reached out to John Best but did not hear back from him. I read a lot of CWMP plans and did a great deal of research. I think that we have good groundwork laid. Moving forward, we should not follow the status quo. I want to ask a lot of questions and offer what my generation can bring to the table.

**Dan Seidman:** I was on the Sewer Advisory Committee for a decade. I drew the B2 district plans and propose where the pipes would go. I think the position requires someone with a background and experience in this area. I have also worked with Bob Rafferty over the years. It would benefit the town to have someone with my experience in this position.

**Christina Colarusso:** Thank you to both candidates. We will now vote by roll call. We need to make a motion.

**Jeff Krystal:** I will reiterate my motion to nominate Chris Scott and if there is a second, we can have a discussion. I would like to tell you why I think Chris Scott should hold this position.

**Tomar Waldman:** Seconds

**Jeff Krystal:** The reason I want to nominate Chris Scott is because it is not just about the B2 or the sewer. It has to do with the town wide CWMP process. I think it's important to have a user on the system who understands the system intimately. He mentioned his generation and I agree that we start bringing the next generation of people forward to take over this multiyear process. I think because he is a user on the system, he understands the limits of the system. Also works well with the other town board members.

**Dan Seidman:** Paying a bill doesn't make you an expert on the system. That's what you are implying. I have been with the system since we talked about Wicks. I have been around for the leaching field and started with 100,000 and extra flow. It is not something to start with a limited knowledge base. It is not in the towns benefit.

**Jeff Krystal:** Thank you Dan for all your work and effort. You have been right there beside me. I totally agree. Once again, this is for the next generation. This is a candidate that has grown up on the island, understands the island and is running a multimillion-dollar corporation. Its more than just paying a bill.

**Christina Colarusso:** Lets redirect.

**Connie Alexander:** Chris Scott are you a Vineyard Haven resident or were you ever a Vineyard Haven resident?

**Chris Scott:** No, I am not a current Vineyard Haven resident but the business I run is in Vineyard Haven. I have been running that business for 5 years. I have been a Vineyard Haven resident in the past.

**Dan Seidman:** I have been a resident since 2000. I have been coming here since I was 8 years old. I run a business and properties in Vineyard Haven.

**Connie Alexander:** Jeff Krystal, do we have other members on committees that are not town residents? Could you give me an example of someone?

**Jeff Krystal:** Craig Whitaker. He is on the Tisbury Historic Committee. He owns property in the district. He is on the committee because he brings value to the committee like I think Chris Scott will. Chris Scott's family heritage goes back to the late 1700's on the Vineyard.

**Christina Colarusso:** We will do a roll call vote. Tomar (Chris Scott), Dan Seidman (myself), Connie Alexander (Dan Seidman), Jeff Krystal (Chris Scott), Chris Scott (myself) Christina Colarusso (Chris Scott)

Vote: Chris Scott -4 Dan Seidman -2

**The board's recommendation for the Water Resources Committee member will be Chris Scott.**

**Connie Alexander:** How long is this appointment good for? Can anyone answer that? We are almost in mid-year. Can you clarify that question, Jeff?

**Jeff Krystal:** This is not an indefinite committee. This is something to get the CWMP going and completed. It could be another year to year and half. Is that correct Bob Rafferty?

**Bob Rafferty:** Yes, it could be a couple of years. I want to let Chris Scott know that if he would like to reach out to me, I will get him up to speed.

**Connie Alexander:** With other town committee appointments there comes a time that you reappoint after the elections and fiscal year?

**Jeff Krystal:** I am not sure how these appointments were done for this committee. Typically, committees we appoint to are yearly appointments. Those are indefinite positions. For example, the School Building Committee. We are not going to change them out in 6 months. I will look into it.

**Connie Alexander:** I just wasn't sure if it ties into elections and town meetings.

**Christine Colarusso:** Do you want us to put a one-year clause on it?

**Connie Alexander:** I do not think we are prepared to do this tonight. I think we need to investigate further if this appointment is tied into the elections and the fiscal year.

**Jeff Krystal:** The appointments don't follow the elections; they are handled after the election.

**Connie Alexander:** I meant because other boards may change. In my experience, though it is brief; these appointments are usually tied into elections. Then those boards start to work. Then the boards suggest an appointment to the Sewer Advisory Committee and the Sewer Advisory Committee suggests an appointment for the Water Resources Committee. I am asking for clarification.

**Tomar Waldman:** May I suggest we table this conversation and move onto the agenda?

**Jeff Krystal:** It is also not this boards appointment. It is a recommendation to the Select Board.

**Connie Alexander:** That is true. You make a good point.

#### **4 State Rd. / Extension:**

**Jared Meader:** This is an extension for the Educomp Building. I was supposed to put this on last month's agenda and I forgot. That is my fault. The MVC is requesting a traffic study. That will not happen until April or May. The recommendation is that we continue the extension. Previously it was 120-day extension. I recommend an additional 90 days.

**Connie Alexander:** I motion to extend the allocation for 90 days.

**Jeff Krystal:** Seconds

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

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

**61 Beach Rd / Change of use:**

**Jared Meader:** This was an application submitted by Carlos Teles. It is the old Hinkley's Building. The property was subdivided. That property is assigned 525 gallons of flow. This would require no change. He wants to add a bathroom and a commercial kitchen. It is not for a restaurant it is for a Canteen truck. They will need at least a 1000-gallon grease trap or an indoor grease trap with a minimum of 100 lbs. capacity. They chose the external grease trap. I also recommended they install a duplex B1 system with 2 pumps and it must have a flood zone chamber. He agreed to my recommendations.

Jeff Krystal: Motion to approve change of use for 61 Beach Rd.

Connie Alexander: Seconds

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

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

**79 Beach Rd Units B11 & B12 / Change of use:**

**Jared Meader:** This is located at the Tisbury Market Place. Previously it was Not Your Sugar Mama's so this would be a similar type of business. No change of flow is needed. I recommend approval of the change of use with one condition. It currently has a 40lb or 70-gallon grease trap which is more like an in home, under the sink grease trap. It needs to be brought up to the 100lb minimum. I would also suggest the business owners reach out to one of the neighboring businesses who have an inground grease trap. Because it's a condominium, it all goes into the same chamber. They could possibly share the piping which would save the business some money. Either stipulation is acceptable for me.

**Connie Alexander:** I noticed the new proprietor joined the meeting. Jared is he aware of your recommendations?

**Jared Meader:** Yes

**Naji Boustany:** Yes, thank you.

**Jeff Krystal:** Motion to approve

**Chris Scott:** Seconds

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

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

**Superintendents Report:**

**Jared Meader:** 61 Beach Rd was subdivided and now there is 69 Beach Rd. The property located at Ace hardware received the flow allocation because it maintained the original Map and Parcel. Neither party consulted with me prior to the subdivision. Therefore, we are providing a lateral for the property. I have submitted an article for the town meeting to accept 69 Beach Rd into the sewer district. We moved forward with the lateral plumbing already due to the paving of State Rd and the timeframe until the next town meeting. The property owner was happy with the fact the project was making progress. I have also met with Souratti Engineering to go over some requirements of the land.

**Jeff Krystal:** Is there anything else foreseeable that would need a connection or a stub that we are not aware of?

**Jared Meader:** Yes, 190 Beach Rd which is the Packer property. All the as-built maps reflect a stub at that location, but it is not yet visible on the surface. I am working with Whyte Bros Lynch Corp to explore because I was unable to locate it with a metal detector. Everything else is spot on so far. We

are rediscovering and marking out all the curb boxes so we can get as-builts made. We are building a geographic information system (GIS).

**Jeff Krystal:** There are a couple other properties like DeSorcy and a new one. Do they all have curb box connections?

**Jared Meader:** Those all have curb boxes. We discovered that if you are on the harbor side of the street you could run a lateral if necessary. The other side of the road has a large concrete bolt running down it which makes it difficult to tap into.

That is why we are doing a direct connect to the main now, before they start paving.

**Jared Meader:** Next, the Select Board meeting update There was a disagreement in verbiage between the Wastewater Dept and the Finance Dept as to who was going to pay a short-term debt. We discussed interpretation of the article. Both departments met with FINCOM to discuss their interpretation, and then the select board re-affirmed the towns original vote which was that is the town's responsibility to pay the \$500,000.00 for the Headworks project. Having said that and moving forward; we all agreed to be more specific when writing our articles.

**Jared Meader:** I reported at the last meeting we were testing the wastewater after lead was discovered at the Tisbury School. The results came back that both influent and effluent are below readable limits. We are not discharging any lead into the leaching fields. We also determined that we are not doing PFAS testing due to cost of approximately \$500.00 each test. We would need to do a minimum of 3 tests a month.

**Jared Meader:** The last agenda item is the Tisbury School gym playground. I met with the principal. The children will be having their lunches in the emergency services facility room. He would like an area for them to play after lunch that did not involve crossing the road back to the school. He asked if he could use the leaching field as a temporary playground for the duration of the school project. I agreed but had a few concerns about trip hazards with our clean out pipes. The school is willing to put up barricades or fencing to protect our equipment and so the kids don't get hurt. He asked about putting up a tent for rainy days. I agreed if no spikes were put into the ground. Instead, they need to use an above ground counterweight.

**Jared Meader:** We discussed using the school playgrounds for future leaching fields. They are both outside the water sheds. He thought it was a great idea. We will now present it to the school board and if they approve, we can make it official.

**Christina Colarusso:** Before we adjourn, I wanted to make an announcement. I have been a volunteer for several committees in Tisbury. First the Wastewater Committee and now the Sewer Advisory Board for the last 3 years. I am proud of the work we have accomplished. I am at a point in my life that I need to focus on myself so this will be my last meeting. I feel like we have policies and procedures in place and that we are moving in a positive direction. We have accomplished a lot and I have learned a lot. I may still attend as a citizen and taxpayer. After a long consideration I have come to the conclusion, I need to step down as chair. I hope you can respect my wishes and I am sure we will be seeing each other in the future.

**Dan Seidman:** Maybe you should think about that and chair one more meeting. You have a lot of skills that are beneficial.

**Connie Alexander:** I want to thank you for your service. I think it's a good idea to think about changing your role. Maybe be on the committee like me and Dan. I will respect whatever you decide to do.

**Christina Colarusso:** Ok, I will think about it.

**Jeff Krystal:** Motion to close the meeting

**Connie Alexander:** Seconds

All (aye). Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm