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WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

Hybrid Meeting in the Nauset Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall @ 10:00 AM

A hybrid meeting of the Wastewater Management Advisory Committee was called to order in the Nauset Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at the Orleans Town Hall. **Representatives Present:** **Chair:** Kevin Galligan (Select Board); **Vice-Chair:** Judith Bruce (Marine & Freshwater Quality); **Clerk:** Ginny Farber (Conservation Commission); John Smith (Board of Health); Alan McClennen (Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners); Richard Hartmann (Planning Board) {via Zoom} and Lynn Bruneau (Finance Committee, ex-officio). **Also Present:** Mike Giggey (Wright-Pierce) {via Zoom}; Tim Harrison & Jennifer Doyle-Breen {via Zoom} (AECOM); and George Meservey (Planning Department).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this point in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Galligan reported that the draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) is “*filed annually to account for how the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) will be used during a fiscal year. There are set amounts of funds that can be awarded to finance clean water (sewer/wastewater) projects each year*” was issued by the State at the end of last year. Galligan noted there are 13 Cape-based projects applied for by 8 different towns. All towns are making incredible progress across the Cape, but the problem is the gap between funding availability in the Cape & Islands Water Protection Fund to subsidize these projects is growing in the wrong direction.

PLEASANT BAY WATERSHED PERMIT OUTLINE

Meservey noted the need for Orleans to inform the Pleasant Bay Alliance of Orleans’ intention to commit to certain activities under the Watershed Permit for Pleasant Bay. The permit was in place for 2018 and needs to be updated by this August. Meservey stated that the Select Board needs to vote on this because it is a Town commitment under a Permit, and the committee may want to present it to other boards and committees.

Using a slide presentation, Giggey led a discussion regarding Pleasant Bay Watershed Permit Outline with information contained on a slide entitled, “Orleans Nitrogen Management Planning - Revised Nitrogen Removal Goals for Pleasant Bay Watershed”. Committee members discussed how town growth could affect wastewater projections over the next 20 years. Meservey reminded the committee that “compliance” is restoration of the habitat, not hitting a number.

Farber pointed out that the committee presentation dates listed in the December 28, 2023 meeting minutes will need to be revised, due to ongoing work on the documents.

AMENDED COMPREHENSIVE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN - 12-MONTH WORKPLAN

Committee Members discussed how to proceed with work required on the Amended Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan with input from Michael Giggey (Wright-Pierce) and AECOM staff members.

MEETING WITH EASTHAM

Committee members noted there will be a meeting with officials from Eastham on January 18, 2024 in the Skaket Room, Orleans Town Hall at 1:00 p.m.

COORDINATION WITH BREWSTER

Committee members agreed on the importance of coordination with officials from the Town of Brewster on wastewater issues.

NATURAL RESOURCE NITROGEN SENSITIVE AREA GRANT

Meservey reported on applications submitted for two grants with assistance from Giggey and Galligan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: On a motion by **John Smith**, seconded by **Judith Bruce**, the Committee voted to approve the Wastewater Management Advisory Committee minutes for November 9, 2023, November 21, 2023, December 14, 2023 & December 28, 2023.


VOTE: 6-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On a motion by **John Smith**, seconded by **Judith Bruce**, the Board voted to adjourn the Wastewater Management Advisory Committee meeting at **11:20 a.m.**

VOTE: 6-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED:


(Ginny Farber, Clerk)

DATE:

1/25/24

Recording Secretary: Karen Sharpless