

# TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS WASTEWATER COMMISSION

MINUTES  
September 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Members present: Commissioner Hans von Steiger, Commissioner Gail Barmakian and Commissioner Bill Alwardt

Others present: Jim Monteith, Lisa Merritt, Marc Drainville, Dick Barbini, Pete Bradford, Peter Martell, Lou Rogers, Beverly Rogers, Jim Bishop and Geoghan Coogan

## **I. MARC DRAINVILLE OF GHD: REPORT ON PLANT OPTIMIZATION STUDY**

Marc Drainville said that he wanted to go over the draft report of the plant optimization study. He said that he looked at all the components of the plant and that there are some pieces that are in the comfortable range while there are some components that are close to capacity. He said that the SBR's are at 80-90% of their capacity while the sand filters are not adequate for the application as they are now. He said that from the beginning there should have been three sand filters, not two, as there always should be an extra filter as a backup. He said that the plant's flow meter was calibrated and he would like to get a good year of data with the calibrated meter to have a more accurate picture of what the flow actually is coming into the plant. Marc Drainville explained that some plants are flow based and some are load based along with flow based and this plant is a flow and load based plant. He stressed that no matter what happens you always have to meet your permit. Marc Drainville said that in his report, which he will be sending to DEP once the final copy is ready, he made four recommendations. Marc Drainville then asked everyone to refer to page 46 of the report as he discussed each of the recommendations. Gail Barmakian asked if the four recommendations were made in the order that things should be done. Marc Drainville answered yes. Marc Drainville began by saying that plants are designed with a twenty year life expectancy, referring to the machinery, pumps etc, but not the building. He said that in the first recommendation the most important item that must be completed by December of 2017 is an I/I (infiltration and inflow) study. He said that the monitoring of flows must be done during certain months in the Spring which means it must be completed this upcoming Spring to be in compliance with the State mandate. Marc Drainville said that he is trying to work with Brian Dudley, of DEP, to see if we can do the I/I study differently because the Island is different. He said that the second level of recommendations is on plant improvements. The third level of recommendations deals with plant expansion needs and the fourth level deals with the renewal and replacement needs. Marc Drainville said that there is a grant

out there for a fiscal sustainability study. Gail Barmakian made a motion for Marc Drainville to apply for the grant proposed for the fiscal sustainability study for both a TWMP/CWMP and the fiscal sustainability study applying for one or both items depending on the outcome of the conversation that Marc Drainville will have with Brian Dudley. Bill Alwardt gave a second to the motion. All votes in favor of the motion.

## **II. PETE BRADFORD FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE: 64 BEDROOM REQUEST FOR BELLEVUE AVENUE**

Pete Bradford said that he was representing the affordable housing committee and that it was going to cost approximately 200-300 thousand dollars to put in a package plant and pay sixty thousand dollars a year annually for an operator. He said that using title V numbers that they would like to ask to be able to tie-in and the flow they are asking for would be 4,480 gallons per day.

Hans von Steiger said that he is not opposed to affordable housing. Bill Alwardt said that he is not opposed to affordable housing either. Gail Barmakian said that in light of the report that was just explained by our engineer that she couldn't support the tie-in right now, but that it definitely is not off the table.

Gail Barmakian made a motion to not allow Bellevue Avenue to tie-in at this time. Bill Alwardt gave a second to the motion. Hans von Steiger abstained from making a vote. Two votes in favor of the motion. One abstention.

## **III. DICK BARBINI: MV ICE ARENA TIE-IN REQUEST**

Dick Barbini said that he would like to request that the MV Ice Arena be allowed to tie-in as the High School line was originally designed with the idea that the Arena would eventually tie in. He said that the Arena is looking to add a concession stand as well as a couple of multi-function rooms and a few more bathrooms. There was some discussion surrounding the engineering report that was just given by Marc Drainville. Dick Barbini said that he understood the Town's situation after hearing Marc Drainville's report. Gail Barmakian made a motion to deny the request for the MV Ice Arena to tie-in. Bill Alwardt gave a second to the motion. All votes in favor of the motion.

## **IV. REVIEW MINUTES**

Hans von Steiger asked Gail Barmakian if she met with Representative Keating and she said that she had not, but that she would be meeting with the EPA instead.

Bill Alwardt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Gail Barmakian gave a second to the motion. All votes in favor of the motion.

## **V. FACILITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Jim Monteith said that the only thing that he needed to mention was that the Capital Improvement Program items were due at the end of Septmeber and he asked Gail Barmakian if she would like to go over the items with him before he submitted it. Gail Barmakian said that she would like to go over it with Jim Monteith.

Jim Monteith left the meeting at 4:35 PM to take Marc Drainville to the 5 PM ferry.

## **VI. COMMISSIONERS UPDATE**

Bill Alwardt asked what parts of the Lagoon are they saying should be sewerred. Gail Barmakian said that they are talking about Barnes Road from Bayes Hill to the beginning of County Road. Gail Barmakian said that sewerred that area will only fix part of the problem.

Hans von Steiger said that he has always been concerned about the maintenance and replacement program at the treatment plant and that it shouldn't take more than a week to put a program together as there really aren't that many moving parts here. Lisa Merritt asked if he wanted to get together with Jim Monteith to help put one together and Hans von Steiger said that he would love that.

Gail Barmakian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hans von Steiger gave a second to the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.