



## Town of Oak Bluffs Capital Program Committee

William Vrooman, Chair, Moderator appointee  
T. Ewell Hopkins, Vice Chair, Planning Board appointee  
Barbara Alleyne, Select Board appointee  
Maura McGroarty, Finance Committee appointee  
Deborah Potter, Town Administrator /Accountant, ex officio

### Capital Program Committee Meeting – Minutes

November 18, 2021 @ 1:00 pm via zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: William Vrooman, Ewell Hopkins, Maura McGroarty,

Others in Attendance: Deborah Potter, Carrie Blair, Garrett Albiston (Conservation), Patrick Hickey (Wastewater Department) Marc Drainville and Anastasia Rudenko (GHD Engineering)

Meeting called to order at 1:01 PM

Review minutes November 4, 2021 meeting.

Ms. McGroarty made note that when discussing the fence under the Parks Department, Mr. Combra and herself were discussing different areas.

Ms. McGroarty also noted she would like to have exterior building painting listed as a separate line item, not under the different departments.

***Ms. Maura McGroarty motioned to approve the minutes from November 4, 2021 seconded by Mr. Ewell Hopkins.***

***McGroarty, Hopkin, Vrooman aye***

Review FY23 Capital Requests

- Natural Resources Infrastructure. The department is requesting East Chop Bluffs stabilization and North Bluff Seawall Rust study.  
Mr. Albiston noted he will be looking to obtain grants for these projects. Mr. Hopkins asked why we are looking to spend money on an issue with seawall rust. Mr. Hopkins asked about warranty and manufacturing covering some of these costs. Deborah Potter noted that we cannot fix the seawall until we understand what the issue is. Ms. McGroarty asked if the residue money will cover the cost of the \$80,000 study. Deborah Potter said we can go ahead and removed the \$80,000 from the FY23 request.
- Conservation Department. The department is requesting to repair and upkeep the Mainstay building; siding, windows, doors, insulation and heating at the Sailing Camp Park. Also requesting money to help with invasive and vines around the Sailing Camp. Mr. Hopkins asked if the invasive component included trail maintenance. Ms. McGroarty asked about historical repairs on the Sailing Camp building, she thought money had been spent previously on replacing windows and doors.

- Wastewater Department. The department is requesting TWMP/CWMP to upgrade the site, to improve the flow through, a hazard mitigation. SCADA upgrade – software system which runs the operation of the system; SCADA currently runs on Windows 7. Mr. Vrooman asked if the upgrade to the Town software which is planned included this aspect of Wastewater. Deborah Potter noted the software system at wastewater was not included.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if the requests could be separated from CWMP from other requests. CWMP – Conservation Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Hopkins requests more detailed information about the \$26 million request.

Mr. Drainville noted the towns current wastewater system is 20 years old and is at capacity and cannot take on more flow. Other areas of note are the nitrogen levels in lagoon pond and Sengekontaktet pond. Third area of the request is the sludge which is currently taken off site/island.

Mr. Hopkins would like to know exactly what the dollar amount is for the wastewater department to remain compliant. Compared to the additional costs that are wants.

Mr. Drainville advised he would like to have the opportunity to present this additional data/information. Mr. Vrooman has asked to have the presentation ahead of the next meeting on December 2, 2021 for the board to be able to read prior to presentation.

Mr. Drainville confirmed that increasing capacity does not mean increasing usage or additional users.

Deborah Potter noted when the Town goes out of compliance as a result of a failure of a piece of equipment the State and the Federal Government can impose very heavy fines against the Town on a daily basis.

Mr. Hickey noted as well that if we get out of compliance the Town may get an enforcement order which can also lead to the losing the opportunity of state funding.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

***Mr. Hopkins motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. McGroarty.***

***Hopkins, McGroarty and Vrooman aye.***

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Debra Alley, Office Administrator