

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES – JOINT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 5:00 PM**  
**TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM**

Vice Chair Yingling convened the open meeting at 5:00 pm noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Vice Chair Erik Yingling, Members Robert Anthony, Tom Donegan and Louise Venden

Excused: Chair Cheryl Andrews

Other attendees: Town Manager David Panagore, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner and Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

Water and Sewer Board Members: Acting Chair Kathleen Meads, Robert O'Malley and alternate Jonathan Sinaiko

Board of Health Members: Acting Chair Janet Whelan, Elise Cozzi, Elizabeth Williams and Kalliope Egloff.

**1. Joint Meeting with the Board of Health and the Water and Sewer Board – Votes May Occur**

**a. Update on the existing capacity of the wastewater system and options for meeting the towns future needs.**

DPW Director Rich Waldo thanked everyone for attending and turned the meeting over to John Goodrich. Mr. Goodrich presented a brief slide show that gave an overview of the current capacity of the sewer system and AECOM review of needs. Mr. Goodrich presented different expansion options, their costs and flow capacity, if the town choose to go in that direction.

JG – there are 8 properties that have been hooked up because they have failed systems. They are the first priority.

RA – when people come in and reply for a septic, do you encourage the title 5 if they have the capacity on the property, or are you just shifting over the Water and Sewer board. Are you promoting the sewer, otherwise are you getting away from the title 5.

M.C. – I have only been the Director under the state of limited capacity. Right now the sewer is closed unless it is filed under the four categories. Since I took over the department, since they are on septic, they are allowed to do the max on the property without variances allow.

LV – what is the difference between MBR and SBR. This technology seems to be evolving.

JG - SBR are sequencing batch reactors. The Membrane Bio Reactor is a newer system.

RW – with these advance systems, you can process and settle the solids quicker. Since they are 2 SBR's you could change one over at a time.

JG – we are not favoring a particular options or bringing one forward.

JS – my understanding of membrane is a much more complex system. It seems to me, I would look for simplicity because if there is failure, it is going to be in a more complicated system. If you go with one tank, they are very simply and you can expand later. I hear about these when they were first talking about the sewer system being out in the beginning. The one in my option to push would be the single tank. It is something that is cheap, if you put it in now, it is cheaper than if you put it in 5 -10 years.

**TD - Move that the DPW undertake a broad based community outreach program to address limited capacity system for public health and to enhance year round community.**

**LV seconded motion**

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TD – are you suggesting adding a second holding tank?

KM – is the second tank option going to allow for shutting down during the off season? Would we have the option to use the tank only in the high peak flows when we need it?

RW – I would say yes it is. That is how we operate the equalization tank now. So the second equalization tank would be shut down in the off season.

JG – it is a point in the process to get it into the SPR, so it would get stored in it, so it is not an active part of the process.

KM - If the DPA allows to be a part of the pilot program, would that be cheaper for us.?

JG – the Pilot program would simply show the DEP that the technology works but you would still have to spend an additional amount.

**b. Review and discussion of the policy on the current State of Limited Capacity.**

Mr. Goodrich continued his presentation to discuss the allocations of the State of Limited Capacity gallons.

**TD moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to assign the additional 6,643 Title 5 design flow gallons to the Economic Development Category and move the Board of Selectmen vote to draw the gallons that are allocated for employee housing from the housing category.**

**LV seconded the motion**

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TD – we just attended the MMA conference and there is a lot of conversation surround the expansion of a regional expansion. There are two topics of conversations, one funding and two who would be serviced. They are talking about collecting sales tax on short term rentals. I think we should meet soon and start talking with them representatives soon.

JS – are we going to be able to opt out of this program?

KE – when you are talking about the larger picture, we cannot be inventing the wheel this late in the game can we? They are probably already talking about as well.

TD – from my understanding, only Chatham and Provincetown, is close to compliance. You have a federal judge saying, you solve the problem or I will.

KE – it sounds to me, that we do not have a function system. it is not functional; it is not serving everyone who wants to do with their property that they want. Is this a new conversation for the town? are we just starting to get together to speak about this?

TD – we are now seeing a funding system, that would take money from Provincetown and ship it up to other towns and pay for their systems. The sense has been, the room tax would be use to address housing, infrastructure and adopted in.

MC – maybe each board talk about it at their board level, and talk about it again before we bring in reps again.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Elizabeth Paine