

TOWN OF CASTLETON SPECIAL SELECT BOARD

SEWER COMMISSION

**Monday, December 13, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Castleton Fire Station Community Room
273 Route 30N, Bomoseen
In-Person & Zoom Virtual Public Meeting**

Meeting Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/c-UbRj-1e0uht9rSN3hW8nf9YoKBCLuoiroo7ULgP8CMoO9kxM0IbZgmjwhSFGHh.aHwwg83h9rK8VoI9>

PRESENT: Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs, Vice Chair; Joseph Mark, Parliamentarian and Secretary; Michael Holden, Member; Michael Jones, Town Manager

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair, Jim Leamy at 9:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holden made motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

MINUTES

Mr. Combs made a motion to accept the minutes of 11/1/21 as presented Mr. Holden seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passes 4-0. Mr. Spaulding abstained as he was not at the meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None at this time.

UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ON SLUDGE TANK CLEANING AND REPAIR

Chris Fouracre presented an update on the recent tank cleaning at the sewer plant and explained the photos presented of the entry and exit holes that were repaired. Inside of the tank had not been cleaned in 24-25 years. photos of the tank after the cleaning were also presented.

The tank is overall in good shape, and the costs were broken down the estimated costs and actual costs to date. They are about \$90,800 under the lowest estimate given last month. They are at about 108,000 of dry tonnage removed from tank which was the big savings and removed 32.20 dry tons at a cost of \$59,000. Another big savings was the disposal company, Englobe, initially their estimate was 44 or \$45,000. Took much less tonnage and trucking costs were lower, due to fees and taxes. There are still 2 invoices still pending.

Mr. Holden asked about the life left in the tank. The inspection results were reviewed, and it is recommended they follow the industry standard to clean the tank every five years, dewater it, remove all sludge, inspect and repair as needed. There is some top ring work that needs to be done, and it is recommended in the next 5 years to wire brush the rough edges and reapply a bonding agent. It is also recommended that the anodes be replaced in bottom of the aerators. They couldn't do it this time because of the inability to pump the waste out of the small tank to get it done. It would take about a week for the bonding agent to cure in this temperature and it would be better to do in the

summer, it would only take 1-2 days max. It was questioned if they should plan to do it again in five years, and if they should replace the anodes while empty, Mr. Jones stated it is no longer empty.

Mr. Jones stated they had a \$3,500 quote for the job in five years. It is anticipated it would be about the same if not easier five years from now and would be more cost effective since this time it had been 25 years since it was last done. **Mr. Combs made a motion to acknowledge and thank Chris and Jeff for a job well done. Mr. Holden seconded. Motion carries 5-0, so voted.**

Mr. Leamy questioned a presentation on the generator that needs attention. Mr. Jones stated he had been given quotes on the generator for the main plant and will have that at the next meeting with a recommendation. Mr. Jones also stated he has gotten notification from VLCT PACIF that they will pick up the claim on the tank and will cover all of cost except the \$1,000 deductible, and he recommends that comes out of the maintenance budget.

ADJOURN

Mr. Mark made a motion to adjourn at 9:22pm. Mr. Combs seconded. All voted in favor. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary

PURCHASE ORDERS FOR APPROVAL:

made a motion to approve purchase order #0 for the in the amount of \$. seconded. Discussion . All were in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

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WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Holden made a motion to approve check warrant # in the amount of , check warrant # in the amount of \$, check warrant #1007 in the amount of \$8,649.90, check warrant #1001 in the amount of \$29,931.22, check warrant #1007P in the amount of \$24,711.47 and check warrant #0930P in the amount of \$17,192.15. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Holden made a motion to approve check warrant #1008P in the amount \$628.33 and check warrant #1001P in the amount of \$628.33. Mr. Mark seconded the motion. Mr. Combs recused himself. All remaining member voted in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

SELECT BOARD COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

BRIEF RECAP & ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP: None

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: REAL ESTATE 1VSA §313(A), (2), PERSONNEL 1VSA§313(3) (A)(3), LABOR RELATIONS/ CONTRACTS 1VSA §313(A)(1)

Mr. Holden made a motion to enter executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel with the Town Manager and Chris Fouracre, Director of Public Works. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Holden made a motion to leave executive session at 7:36 p.m. with no action taken. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURN

Mr. Holden made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.