

**TOWN OF CASTLETON**  
**SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**Monday, December 12, 2022 6:45 p.m.**  
**Zoom Virtual Public Meeting**

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**ATTENDING:** Mike Jones, Town Manager, James Leamy, Chair, Richard Combs, Mary Lee Harris, Robert Spaulding

**Attending Via Zoom:** Joseph Mark, Parliamentarian, Dave Fabricious, Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair, Jim Leamy at 6:47 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ML Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. R. Spaulding seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 11/14/22**

**R. Combs made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/14/22 as presented. R. Spaulding seconded.**

**All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

**DISCUSSION REGARDING SEQUENCING BATCH REACTOR (SBR) PUMPING**

M. Jones explained the large storage tanks at the wastewater treatment plant need to be cleaned as part of the 20-year upgrade. They have not been emptied and cleaned for 20 years. It is not clear who should be doing this job, the Town or the contractor doing the 20-year upgrade. It is going to be drawn down tomorrow so they will know what is in the tank for sludge at the bottom. M. Jones suggested the cost can be taken out of the operating budget rather than putting it into the bond for the upgrade. This is one of the things that has gone into the sewer budget every year, but it has not been done or used. It was stated that this should be done every 5-7 years. They have started a calendar for these types of projects. R. Combs asked if the cost is put into the bond if the 60/40 subsidy would apply to it. M. Jones stated he was not sure and would have to check on that. Where the funds come from does not need to be decided at this time, just the approval to do the job. R. Combs made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with the Sequencing Batch Reactor pumping as proposed, cost to be determined in the future and funding to be determined at a later date. R. Spaulding seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS (Items not on agenda-Wastewater Related)**

M. Jones stated the letter from Jason does not address the two valves that need to be replaced at the plant. D. Fabricious stated at the last meeting he gave a brief update on a few things that need to be addressed. He has checked the tanks and noticed there were a few valves that were decrepit, and Jeff stated they are difficult to open and close and Bob Moulton the Penta rep had indicated they could be replaced once the tanks are drained and he is getting a price for them.

**SEWER BOARD COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS**

None at this time.

**6:58 pm-ADJOURN**

**ML Harris made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. R. Spaulding seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey  
Recording Secretary  
Transcribed from Zoom Recording

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