



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

Water & Sewer Infrastructure Advisory Committee

22 Monument Avenue
Swampscott, MA 01907

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

TIME: 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

LOCATION: 1st Floor Conference Room, Swampscott Town Hall, 22 Monument Avenue

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present: Elizabeth Smith (Chair), Lauren Fisher, Charles Patsios, Ralph Souppa, Kelley Begin, Christopher Vockley, Gino Cresta

Committee Alternates Present: Jeffrey Kaplan, Matthew Pelland, Terence

Dansdill Committee Members Present via Remote Access: None

Committee Members Absent: Adam Smyth, Brian Drummond (alternate)

Other Town Officials Present: None

Other Attendees: Jeannie Hall

Meeting opened at 7:36 PM and recording to Microsoft Teams started. Due to a system glitch, the Teams meeting and recording were terminated at about 7:50 PM. There were no virtual attendees at the time.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2/12/24 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the February 12th, 2024 meeting was moved by Charles Patsios, seconded by Christopher Vockley; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were entered.

3. Discussion and Possible Vote on Role of Alternates

Liz explained that there are no codified rules around the role and responsibilities of alternates in Swampscott. The committee is free to decide upon the scope of the role. It is at the chair's (Elizabeth Smith) discretion to decide on the scope of the alternate role in absence of formally adopted rules.

Prevailing practice in other communities is that alternates are / should be involved in all discussions.

Liz intends to send out further materials before the next meeting. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

4. Discussion of Education Goals

Gino to provide the committee with maps of outfalls within Town limits as well as infrastructure.

Liz advised that Lynn Water & Sewer Commission (LW&SC) meetings are public and are a good source of information for the current projects and ongoing of Lynn's infrastructure. Recordings of LW&SC meetings are made available to the public on the Lynn television channel and on YouTube.

Matt requested committee access to the town's current contract with Lynn as well as any documentation on the town's recent meeting with the MWRA. Gino to provide the requested documents.

Christopher requested that the EPA attend a future meeting to present information on the consent decree and offer suggestions on best practices and improvements. Charles and Terence believe that there are ongoing conversations between the town and the EPA that the committee should be party to. Gino outlined that there is a meeting tomorrow, 2/29, with the town, DEP, EPA, Lynn Water & Sewer at 10PM but it's the opinion of the town administrator that the meetings are closed door. Liz requested that Gino update the committee at the next meeting on the topics discussed. (Gino will not be in attendance at the 3/13 meeting so this will be pushed to the 3/27 meeting.)

Chris, Lauren, and Kelley will research testing methodologies and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

5. Review of Current Water & Sewer Projects

The committee reviewed “Swampscott Water, Sewer, & Stormwater Projects – February 29, 2024”, authored by Gino and Liz.

Stacey’s Brook Phase 1 – 470 laterals (10% of town wide) lined at the town’s expense. Focus was on laterals that crossed over stormwater infrastructure.

\$2.5M ARPA allocation earmarked for King’s Beach remediation. The Select Board recently decided on funds allocation at their 11/20/2023 meeting. Liz and Gino to distribute “Kleinfelder Basis of Design Report” to the committee.

6. Discussion of Committee Priorities

Charles Patsios to work with Harbor & Waterfront and Climate Resiliency Committees to establish an informal liaison between the committees.

7. Discussion of Potential Subcommittees

Liz suggested using a small working group format during our next few months until we determine which areas would benefit from a subcommittee format.

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn was made by Terence Dansill and seconded by Charles Patsios. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Minutes approved by the Water & Sewer Infrastructure Advisory Committee on 3/13/2024.

DOCUMENT LIST

- Swampscott Water, Sewer, & Stormwater Projects – February 29, 2024

Next Meeting is on March 13th, 2024 at 7:30 PM