

**Wastewater Management
Commission
June 29, 2016
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~
FINAL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Ferrio.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas M. Ferrio	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth V. Richardson	Vice-Chairman	Present	
Peter Ogle	Chairman	Present	
Robert D. Frost	Commissioner	Present	

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 14, 2016 Wastewater Management Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth V. Richardson, Vice-Chairman
SECONDER:	Peter Ogle, Chairman
AYES:	Thomas M. Ferrio, Elizabeth V. Richardson, Peter Ogle, Robert D. Frost
EXCUSED:	

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

Commission Re-vote for the record of the Advisory from the Wastewater Management Commission to the Town Council regarding Potential Actions the Town Could Take to Decrease the Level of Nitrates from Septic Systems.

Motion made by Commissioner Beth Richardson to approve the Advisory as completed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pete Ogle. All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman Ferrio stated that this will now go to the Town Council.

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SECONDER:	Peter Ogle, Chairman
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VI. NEW BUSINESS**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ron Meneo stated that he has two questions. He asked if the minutes that were approved at this meeting would go with the Advisory to the Town Council. Mr. Ferrio stated that just the Advisory would be going to the Town Council but that the minutes are available to the Town Council at any time.

Secondly, with regard to accelerating the replacement of conventional septic systems, Mr. Meneo questioned if the numbers were correct in regards to the pounds per year of N reduction per system. Mr. Ogle stated that the number of pounds of nitrate and effluent per year generated per person is about 7 pounds, and with estimating three people per household, that would be 21 lbs/year per household. A 50% N reduction would then be approximately 10 lbs/year per household. Mr. Meneo thought that the numbers that he got from Lorraine Joubert were higher, and closer to 43 lbs/year per household. Mr. Ogle stated that the state may be assuming higher numbers because they use the model of two persons per bedroom, and perhaps that is why Mr. Meneo thought the poundage per household per year was higher.

Mr. Meneo stated that perhaps as a service to all of the Charlestown citizens, there should be a description of the cost of each of the recommendations on the Advisory as well as a cost for the items that there was no consensus on. He suggests that including the estimated cost for each item would be an important consideration not only for the Town Council but for the public to know what the implications are economically of these recommendations. He would ask that in delivering the Advisory to the Town Council, there be a cost estimate from the Wastewater Management Commission for each recommendation.

Mr. Ferrio stated that these are not recommendations but choices and Mr. Ferrio's expectation of the Town Council is that they might narrow down on a few of these and ask for more information at that point.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 6:10 PM.

Attest:
Bonnie Langlois, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as written August 2, 2016