

**Wastewater Committee Meeting**  
**In-Person Meeting – March 31, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

Minutes of the Wastewater Committee Meeting on March 31, 2022

**Attendees:** Chris Simeoni, Eric Labelle, Joseph Martin Mead, Bob Convery, Margaret Myatt, Yanina Nickless

**Call to Order.**

1. Discussed the new legislation the purpose of which is to prevent land application on Waster municipal sludges and industrial sludges. This affected haulers like Casella.
2. Discussed the wastewater budget with the committee members.

The budget changes discussed were:

- The Heating Fuel line item (15-03) is increasing by \$6,960.00 due to the cost of propane and heating oil.
- The Sludge Hauling line item (20-44) is increasing by \$100,000.00 based on the meeting Chris and Eric had with Casella on March 30, 2022. It is based on Casella's quote and an estimate of 400 tons/sludge at \$250/ton.
- The Liability line item (25-05) is increasing due to insurance rates and Town's assets and re-evaluation.
- The Diesel line item (30-25) is decreasing. Last year we had to increase it for the initial fil of the new standby generator that had a 1,750-gallon fuel tank. Now we know how much fuel we are using weekly, so we can reduce the line item.
- The Composting line item (30-27) is decreasing because we need fewer supplies to compost half of the year.
- The Collection System line item (30-28) is decreasing by \$12,000. We increased it last year to replace some of the fences at Goose Rocks Beach at the pump stations, so we can reduce it now.
- The Chemicals Process line item (30-29) is increasing by \$4,000 due to rate inflations on bisulfite and chloride, the price of fuel and other chemicals.
- The Lab Supplies line item (30-30) is increasing by \$10,500 to purchase new equipment and supplies to comply with new testing requirements by Maine DEP and the US EPA.
- The Safety Equipment line item (30-31) is decreasing by \$3,000 because we increased it last year to purchase the new confined space tripod, so we can decrease it now.
- The Bio-Ash line item (30-33) is decreasing by \$4,000 because we will be composting for half a year, so we do not need so much material.
- The Odor Control line item (30-34) is increasing by \$1,500 due to inflation.

- The Vehicles & Equipment (35-03) is decreasing by \$2,000 because it was increased last year to purchase a replacement sewer Jetter hose.
- The Sewer Bond line items from 2003 and 2021 are affected by the amortization schedule.
- The Use of Fund Balance line item (50-34) is the amount that is transferred to the General Fund to offset some administration costs. It is a shared expense with the Town Office.
- The Special Projects line item (50-86) has a small amount of money that we keep for upcoming miscellaneous projects.
- The Capital Equipment line item (60-04) is decreasing by \$46,000 because the only capital equipment we are replacing is the mixers for the tanks that are 20 years old.
- The Capital Reserve line item (60-05) is increasing by \$63,500 to replace the funds that we took out to take care of the engineering.

Most of the budget changes are due to inflation and legislature regulations.

Wastewater Committee received the budget documents ahead of time and has approved the budget for FY'23. The committee did not have any further questions or concerns.

3. Discussed other related business:

- User fee and application.
- Village Parcel project and the Sewer Department involvement.

**Adjournment.**