

OLS WPCA Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Zoom

7:00 pm

Draft: 1/18/25 - Please Review **updated 2/1/25, JCM**

Present: Bob Palazzo, Dennis Columbie, Jack Reynolds, Chris Shelton & James Moynihan, Paul Yellen

I. Mr. Palazzo, as Vice Chairman, presided over the meeting. Quorum verified

II. MINUTES: The draft meeting minutes of the Board's 11/19/24 meeting were approved (Moynihan, Reynolds, Vote: 5-0

III. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chris Shelton provided the Board with an update. Mr. Shelton advised that he understood that Old Colony had/planned to pay the required new payment to New London WPCA, per the new agreement on behalf of the beaches...Mr. Moynihan requested that in the future no payments be made by Old Colony, on OLSBA's behalf occur unless the OLS WPCA had previously approved and authorized the expenditure.

Following the presentation the Board approved the following invoices (Moynihan, Shelton):

**Atty. Brendan Sharkey: \$750 (Invoice - November, 2024) & \$4,512.50 (October, 2024)**

Fuss & O'Neill: \$5,851 (work performed during October & November, 2024 - reference: C. Shelton email, 1-8-25)

Carolyn Cumello: \$325 (previous payment made, affirmed by Board, via this vote)

IV. DEEP UPDATE: Paul Yellen provided an update to the Board on his recent conversation with Carlos Esguerra on December 27, 2024. Mr. Yellen also stated that there may be zoom call with DEEP on 1/15/25, but was not sure if the meeting and the time of the meeting was confirmed....He advised that he would notify BOG and WPCA members of the meeting & time, when & if, he receives further information from DEEP.

Mr. Reynolds stated that he believed the matter of the sewer project and the presentation of the project to the Association was ultimately the responsibility of the OLS WPCA - not the BOG  
Mr. Yellen also advised that the OLS Nominating Committee had been meeting and that it was possible that recommendations involving the two vacancies presently on the WPCA might be addressed by the BOG at its January 22, 2025 scheduled meeting.

V. WELLS: Mr. Palazzo updated the Board on the matter of wells in OLS and how such wells might be impacted by the proposed sewer & stormwater projects

VI. STORMWATER: Mr. Columbie updated the Board on the his review of the draft engineering specifications involving Stormwater improvements.

VII. SECRETARY'S UPDATE: Mr. Moynihan updated the Board regarding his research involving the OLS Sewer Project - he noted that he had earlier provided Board members with his written notes.

He noted that he had spoken, among others, with the Ledge Light Health District, legal counsel, a DEEP representatives, former/present members of the OLS WPCA, a representative of F&O and a representative of the CSA...Mr. Moynihan reviewed current project matters, including the fact that the "Shared Sewer Project" was now out to bid(s) - with bids scheduled bid openings scheduled for February 14, 2025. Mr. Moynihan also

noted that he believed that the state was seeking a "game plan" and "time line" for the Association to take a vote on the bond resolution. Mr. Moynihan also noted he had attended a CSA meeting (circa 12/12/24), at the request of Mr. Palazzo, on behalf of the OLS WPCA.

Mr. Moynihan indicated that while the BOG, at its meeting of December 18, 2025 had voted to hold an Association meeting & vote no later than March 15, 2025. However, Mr. Moynihan indicated that he believed that the state would accept a later date, with the Bond Resolution being addressed at in-person meeting, at a date later than March 15, 2025 - subject to the OLS leadership providing a proposed "game plan" and "timetable" involving the presentation of the Bond Resolution to the Association to DEEP.

VIII. SECRETARIAL HELP/LEAGAL REPRESENTATION: Mr. Reynolds discussed the matter of the Board utilizing the services of an additional legal counsel experienced in WPCA related matters - to be utilized at the Board's discretion ....Mr. Palazzo requested Mr. Reynolds to review the matter and seek potential individuals who might be able to provide appropriate legal assistance to the Board.

IX. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS: Martin Merritt discussed the projected \$15 million loan, and urged the OLS leadership to ensure that all information needed by the state, at this time, had been provided by the Board.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. (Shelton, Reynolds), Vote: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. (Shelton, Moynihan, vote 5-0).