

Final – approved 6.17.25

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2025

7:00 pm

Zoom

I. QUORUM - Present: James Moynihan, Chris Shelton, Dennis Colombie, Jack Reynolds, Martin Merritt, Roger Zito, Paul Yellen

2. MEETING MINUTES (April 30, 2025).

No action was taken

3. Changing the Agenda to include an update by Doug Whalen (President of Old Colony Beach Association) relative to OCBA & Shared Sewer Project

Motion to amend the agenda to permit Mr. Whalen to speak (Shelton, Merritt)

Vote: Yes (Moynihan, Shelton, Columbie) ...No (Merritt, Reynolds, Zito). Abstain (Palazzo)

Vote: 3-3. Motion Fails.

4. SEWER PROJECT UPDATES.

The Chairman updated the Board re: the potential that First Selectman might join the meeting, if she is available.

The Chairman noted that the BOG at its May 1, 22025 meeting had voted to approve the Bond Resolution template & \$13 million amount (\$13 million added to the previously approved 2012 Bond Resolution of \$9.7 million: Total projected Bond Resolution Approval: \$22.7 million). The Chairman also noted that the actual project costs was predicted upon actual construction bids.

The board members discussed the project and potential costs. The board members discussed both the potential capital & operating costs and the impact of the project upon members of the Association.

The Chairman advised that he and Mr. Palazzo had attended the CSA meeting on May 5, 2025. An update regarding that meeting was provided to the board members.

Jack Reynolds told the board members that he had spoken with the First Selectman Martha Shoemaker that day and that she told him that she had spoken to a Deputy Commissioner for DEEP (no name presented) and that she had been advised that OLSBA should be seeking project bids, rather than voting on the Bond Resolution on May 24, 2025.

Per Mr. Reynolds: his stated comments about his discussion with the First Selectman included the following statements: OLS can go out to bid before a vote & OLS should not vote on hypothetical numbers, but rather on numbers received on bids.

The Chairman will contact the First Selectman to review the information provided by Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Colombie presented information about the stormwater project and potential "hook up" costs to the members

5. INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS TO BE CONDUCTED PRIOR TO THE MAY 24, 2025 ASSOCIATION VOTE:

The Board discussed the dates of May 13, 2025 & May 20, 2025 to conduct public information sessions. The potential date of May 20, 2025 would be designed as an “in person” meeting. The Chairman will reach out to DEEP to see if their representatives can attend one/both sessions.

6. FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST UPDATE:

The Board reviewed the operating budget draft prepared by the Chairman and Mr. Merritt

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The board members received comments from Doug Whalen, Paul Gramell, Rob Cappellucci, John Cunningham and Mark Bernacki

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was voted to adjourn at 9:27 pm (Reynolds, Colombie) Vote: 7-0