

**Wastewater Management  
Commission  
February 12, 2020  
Regular Meeting  
~ Minutes ~ Final**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas M. Ferrio	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth V. Richardson	Vice-Chairman	Absent	
Robert Clift		Absent	
Robert D. Frost	Commissioner	Present	
Frederick H. Klinger		Present	
Margot Willis-Doyle		Present	

**II. ROLL CALL III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1. Approval of February 13, 2019 Wastewater Management Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frederick H. Klinger
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Margot Willis-Doyle
<b>AYES:</b>	Thomas M. Ferrio, Robert D. Frost, Frederick H. Klinger, Margot WillisDoyle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Elizabeth V. Richardson, Robert Clift

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS V. OLD BUSINESS VI. NEW BUSINESS 1. Review and Discussion of 2019 Failing OWTS**

No Communications or Reports

No Old Business

The On-Site Wastewater Manager began the discussion by stating that tracking failed systems has improved over time. He presented a graph to the Commission members comparing the number of failed systems identified against the number of inspections conducted since 2011.

**2. Review and Discussion of Status of Remaining Cesspools in Town**

The On-Site Wastewater Manager began the discussion regarding the remaining cesspools town-wide. He presented a graph to the Commission members detailing 2019 Septic System Inspections conducted town-wide by system-type. A list of remaining cesspools in Town was presented to the Commission members. As of the date of this meeting, there are three remaining cesspools to be replaced in the Town of Charlestown.

**3. Discussion and Possible Vote on Desire and Need for Wastewater Ordinance Simplification**

Chairman Ferrio began the discussion by stating that the original function of this Commission, by Ordinance, was primarily to manage the Cesspool Phase-Out program. By the time Charlestown Municipal Court was implemented in 2010, the Cesspool Phase-Out program was complete. After Charlestown Municipal Court was initiated, enforcement of the Wastewater Ordinance became much easier.

Solicitor Brochu stated that if the commission members would like to work on simplifying the ordinance in the future, they could. The ordinance is a tool to achieve the objective you want to achieve. Solicitor Brochu offered that from a housekeeping perspective it would be helpful to have something more streamlined and easier to understand. The sense of the group was to keep the status quo. Chairman Ferrio suggested that if anyone had a topic they would like to discuss at a meeting, please let staff know and a meeting could be scheduled.

**4. Discussion of WWMC Future and Possible Vote to Move WWMC Function to Town Staff Administration**

Solicitor Brochu discussed the responsibility of the Wastewater Commission as being to manage the Wastewater District and for that reason, the commission still serves a vital function. The role of the commission as a public body is still very important.

**5. Discussion of and Presentation of "Layer Cake" Research Study for the 2020-2021 Budget**

The On-Site Wastewater Manager presented a Power Point presentation of a new passive nitrogen-reducing technology which is proving to be very effective in nitrogen reduction.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There were no public comments.

The meeting was closed at 7:36 PM

Attest:

Bonnie Langlois, Recording Secretary Approved February 10, 2021

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