

Draft Minutes Nov. 28, 2023 Budget, Facilities, Technology, Safety Subcommittee
Called to order at 3:02 via Zoom

Members in attendance: Jordan Geist, Supt. Zhou, Paul McMaster, Maureen Fuller, Town Manager Marlene McCollem, Finance Director Erica Fleming, Select Board Chair Mary Jane Mastrangelo, Clerk Ann-Marie Siroonian, Vice Chair Melissa Ferretti, and members of community.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update due to failure on 11.21:

Jordan gave an overview of the history of the WWTP. He added that the WWTP was built to handle 30,000 gallons a day, and it handles 8,000-to10,000 gallons a day. The next phase of capital repairs was requested for FY21 in the amount of \$746,747, to repair denitrification cell number 1, HVAC improvements, clarifier repairs, and various other items noted in the report. As costs exploded after COVID, we have not yet completed this work, but are lining up the HVAC, the clarifier, and denitrification cell #1 this summer.

He went on to explain that a bearing had failed in the RBC2 wheel to cause the shut down. The bearing is being replaced next week.

Current Operation: RBC 1 is still spinning with $\frac{3}{4}$ of its media still intact. RBC 2 is down. We had a bearing replaced on RBC 2 several months ago that failed again and a section of media became partially dislocated and stuck in the tank.

There is extensive corrosion on both RBC1 and RBC2. The corrosion on RBC1 prevents the media from being reattached.

As a result, BPS is requesting an additional 2.1 million dollars in capital funds to

- replace 2 RBCs = \$1,768,786.00 plus 10% contingency= \$1,945,665
- 2 RBC custom made covers installed= \$134,321

Questions to be answered:

Will DEP allow the use of just 1 RBC in the interim?

How many gallons of water is currently going through the WWTP?

Can TRANE complete both the HVAC improvements and WWTP replacement?

Capital Outlay Meeting is scheduled for 12/12.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32.

