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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 138, L.D. 176, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the Statement of Fact and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. P&SL 1963, c. 87, §2, is amended by adding a new paragraph after the first paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding the aforementioned authority, the board of trustees shall hold a public hearing at least 7 days prior to an anticipated vote of said board upon any proposal for the construction of lateral lines or for any plan extension. Such public hearing shall be held after providing a minimum 7 days' notice of such hearing by publication and shall be held for the purpose of enabling the trustees to learn of the approval, disapproval or suggested changes of the voters of the district to such proposals.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1963, c. 87, §14, is amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

At each annual meeting of said district, the board of trustees shall present a proposed budget for the next fiscal year of the district to solicit the approval, disapproval or suggested changes of the voters of the district to such proposed budget. The board of trustees shall adopt a budget for the next fiscal year of the district following such public consideration thereof.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1963, c. 87, §14, 4th ¶, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

At each annual meeting of the Ogunquit Village Corporation beginning with the annual meeting for 1976, one trustee shall be elected by ballot as hereinafter provided to begin serving his term at the adjournment of the annual meeting of the district and to serve until the annual meeting of said district occurring 3 years thereafter and until his successor is elected and qualified. When any trustee ceases to be a resident of said district, he vacates his office as trustee. All trustees, if residents of said district, shall be eligible for reelection or reappointment.

Sec. 4. P&SL 1963, c. 87, §14, 7th ¶, first sentence, is amended to read:

Within one week after each annual ~~election~~ meeting, the trustees shall meet for the purpose of electing a chairman, treasurer and clerk to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 5. P&SL 1963, c. 87, §14, 10th ¶, first sentence, is amended to read:

Vacancies in the office of trustee from whatever cause shall be filled by appointment by the remaining trustees until the next annual ~~election~~ meeting.

Sec. 6. P&SL 1963, c. 87, §19, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

In establishing or revising such rates, tolls, rents or charges to be effective on or after January 1, 1976, the board of trustees shall hold a public hearing at least 30 days prior to

the effective date therefor. Such public hearing shall be held after providing a minimum 7 days' notice of such hearing by publication and shall be held for the purpose of enabling the trustees to solicit the approval, disapproval or suggested changes of the voters of the district to such rates, tolls, rents or charges to be established or revised.

Sec. 7. P&SL 1963, c. 87, §26, 2nd ¶, is amended by adding after the first sentence, 2 new sentences to read:

The treasurer shall send out all bills for the rates, tolls, rents and other charges by January 1st of each year and all such rates, tolls, rents and charges shall become due and payable on June 15th of the same year. The trustees shall grant a 2% discount upon all rates, tolls, rents and other charges paid before March 15th of each year and there shall be a charge of interest on all unpaid rates, tolls, rents and other charges after August 15th of each year, such charge of interest to be at the prevailing rate of interest being charged by the Town of Wells for the late payment of real estate taxes.

Sec. 8. P&SL 1963, c. 87, §26, 2nd ¶, last sentence, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The fee to be charged by the district to the ratepayer for such notice and filing shall not exceed \$3 in addition to the fee to be charged to the district by the register of deeds for filing and recording the same.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the language of the bill and to add further necessary changes in the charter.