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BOARD OF
SELECTMEN

TOWN
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From the Orleans Town Code

§ 8. Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

6-8-1 The provisions of Chapter 418 of the Acts of 1953 shall be modified by this Section concerning all matters delineated herein. Effective July 1, 2009 or after passage of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan by Town Meeting, whichever shall occur later, the Board of Water Commissioners will be terminated and a new Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners shall be established. Appointments to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners shall be made in accordance with clause 6-8-2.

6-8-2 The Board of Selectmen shall appoint three members and two associate members to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for three-year overlapping terms. The Board of Health and the Planning Board shall each appoint one member to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners for three-year overlapping terms.

6-8-3 The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners shall be responsible for all functions cited in Chapter 418 of the Acts of 1953, except for the following functions vested in the Board of Selectmen for which the Board of Selectmen shall consult with and receive recommendations from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners: establish water rates; contract with a municipality; acquire or take water resources, rights-of-way or easements; issue bonds to defray development and construction costs. In discharging its duties and responsibilities, the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners shall coordinate with the Town Administrator and receive technical support from the Water/Sewer Superintendent(s). The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners shall set policy ensuring: 1) the adequate production and the high quality of potable water; 2) development of a sewer works system consistent with the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and oversight of that system when operational. The Board of Selectmen shall establish sewer rates and shall consult with and receive recommendations from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners with respect to sewer rates.

6-8-4 The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners shall develop annual operating and capital budget projections and Capital Improvements Plan projections for the Water and Sewer Department, and make recommendations to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 8 of this Charter.