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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Philip Richardson called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The following members were present: Warren Coe, Paul Gilmore, Michael Park and Loren Shoemaker. Also present were: James Clifton, Superintendent Water Pollution Control Facility, Kendra Dahlquist, Clerk, Dennis Setzko of AECOM, and two members of the public. Ed Kelly was absent.

2.. MINUTES: JANUARY 13, 2011

Mr. Gilmore suggested amending the minutes by substituting the word "transparency" for "parity" in section IV of the minutes.

Mr. Shoemaker moved, and Mr. Park seconded a motion to approve the January 13, 2011 minutes with suggested amendment; motion passed.

3.. CORRESPONDENCE: AECOM: Bid for Tunxis Pump Station

Mr. Setzko reported the results of a detailed negotiation with the low bidder regarding an error in the initial bid quote due to a misunderstanding of the scope of work relating to instrumentation, and a subsequent error in the calculation of the bid. Mr. Setzko responded to member's questions by assuring them that there had been due diligence on the part of AECOM and the contractor to properly document and resolve this matter in keeping with the best interest of the Authority and the Town.

4.. OTHER BUSINESS:

A member of the public inquired whether septage contractor dumping fees differed if the contractor was not a resident of the Town. Chairman Richardson noted the difficulty of determining where septage was actually obtained, and that the Authority had determined per thousand-gallon was the most appropriate calculation for the fee.

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Gilmore offered to serve as Vice-Chairman, and placed his name in nomination.

Mr. Park seconded the nomination; motion passed.

6. FCC POLICY REVIEW:

Mr. Clifton suggested and Mr. Richardson concurred, that a review of the policy adopted in 2004 would be timely, and referring to it would be useful when evaluating proposals. A preliminary inquiry was received regarding the conversion of a single-family residence at 444 Bushy Hill Road to a Bed and Breakfast. After discussion, the Authority determined there was no apparent basis for a change in fee status in this case. Mr. Clifton asked the Authority to consider that a minimum FCC or percent FCC unit be established in the future.

7. STATUS REPORT ON SEWER EXTENSIONS (no report)

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Connecticut DEP; 90 Wolcott Road

The DEP is holding a meeting in March to review their revised phosphorus reduction strategies. Phonon at 90 Wolcott Road is now permitted to send their waste stream through the facility.

9. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Clifton reported all permit parameters were met in February. Tunxis Pump Station rehab is moving forward, as is the hiring of a new administrative assistant. Wolcott Pump Station is scheduled for rehab in FY2011-12, and will be operating with a temporary valve replacement solution until then.

10. OTHER BUSINESS: NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE BILLING

Chairman Richardson planned to attend the joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Selectmen to continue to convey the message of the Authority's position on adequately covering costs for the plant and its operation through fees. The Authority reviewed the list of properties where sewer use fees for 2010-11 are expected to see the largest increase.

Mr. Gilmore noted the importance of written information and Mr. Shoemaker suggested a fact sheet be developed, including the rationale for the changes, why they are fair, and other points to be made. Mr. Clifton will set up the meetings, and Authority members will attend as they are able.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gilmore moved, and Mr. Park seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting: motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Philip Richardson, Chairman