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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 8, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Paul Gilmore called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The following members were present: Michael Park, Loren Shoemaker, Ed Kelly, Jay Sheehan and Warren Coe. Also present were: James Clifton, WPC Superintendent; Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer; Robert Decrescenzo, Town Attorney; Alison Sturgeon, Clerk; as well as other interested parties. Mr. Richardson was attending by phone during the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

2. SAFETY BRIEF – Mr. Shoemaker gave a safety brief noting that this meeting is a place of public assembly. In case of an emergency, he asked that everyone walk to the nearest exit in an orderly fashion.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION: ATTORNEY DECRESCENZO – PENDING LAWSUIT

The Simsbury Water Pollution Control Authority invited Attorney Decrescenzo, Mr. Clifton and Mr. Sawitzke to stay in the conference room during this Executive Session.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sheehan noted that an update was received by Attorney Decrescenzo during Executive Session, although no decisions were made by the Authority.

4. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Clifton stated that all permit requirements for the month of February were met. Regarding the Wolcott Pump Station project, bonding is not an

option; the Board of Finance has a strict debt limit policy. Simsbury's share of the project costs will be approximately \$1 million; Granby's share will be approximately \$400,000. Mr. Clifton stated that the DEEP has a new category regarding their priority listing, which the WPS will fit into; they have set aside funds that are for pump stations that will be energy conservative. He stated that he could make an application for Clean Water Funding. Applying for this loan would cost approximately \$10,000 plus bond authorization and closing costs. The interest on this loan for Simsbury's portion would be approximately \$212,000 over the 20 year loan. By using the Clean Water funding, no money would need to be taken out of reserves. Mr. Sawitzke recommended including the Wolcott Pump Station under the Clean Water Loan; reserves will be needed for other things.

The Authority discussed the administrative costs that are associated with the Clean Water Loan. Mr. Kelly questioned what the next big project would be beyond the Wolcott Pump Station. Mr. Clifton stated that there are no upcoming projects at this time. Mr. Kelly stated that if they were to use some of the reserves, there would be time to build the reserve back up. The Authority members agreed to approve the Wolcott Pump Station using funds from the reserves.

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Farmington Valley River Bank Stabilization Design in the amount of \$100,000.00; the Sewer Main Extensions in the amount of \$272,300.00; and the Wolcott Pump

Station in the amount of \$1,378,500.00 as written in a memo from Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer, dated March 8, 2012. The Farmington Valley River Bank Stabilization Design and the Wolcott Pump Station are to be paid from the Reserve Fund. The Sewer Main Extensions are to be paid from the Sewer Assessment Fund. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Clifton stated that the offer of employment for the operator position was not accepted. The Army Corps of Engineers permit for the emergency repair has been received. He will prepare a preliminary submittal to obtain direction on the larger stabilization project. Also, the TV inspection equipment is on the April build schedule and the combination truck bid opening will be on March 19th. Mr. Clifton stated that the septage dumping station was closed in January and February in order to clean the grit out of the holding tanks. He stated that a special "scoop" has been ordered that will be used by the septage haulers to clean the rock sump after each load.

Regarding the budget, Mr. Clifton stated that the intergovernmental support will be \$106,545.00. The total budget requested will be \$3,523,507. He

stated that without taking the Wolcott Pump Station project into account, they will need to take approximately \$253,510 out of the reserve fund. This will leave a balance of \$5.3 million in reserves.

5. STATUS REPORT ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS, ETC. – R. SAWITZKE

Mr. Sawitzke stated the there are three projects, which were discussed last month including Seminary Road, Long View Drive and Russell Road. Letters with return postcards, to indicate interest, will be sent to homeowners within the next few months.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Clifton discussed and reviewed the correspondence, including a Memo from DEEP noting that the Town will be receiving a check for \$11,751 for nitrogen credit; a letter dated February 15, 2012 from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the facility connection charge study; as well as a memo from the Town Clerk dated February 27, 2012 regarding a change in the WPCA terms of office.

Mr. Shoemaker recommended that the Authority follow up on the letter from the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gilmore volunteered to draft and send a letter if Mr. Richardson has not already responded.

7. FEBRUARY 9, 2012 MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the February 9, 2012 minutes as written. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Gilmore abstained.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

9. ADJOURN

Mr. Coe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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Paul Gilmore, Vice-Chairman

