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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
March 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, WPC Superintendent and Nancy Haase, Board of Selectmen liaison.

2. MINUTES: FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Dr. Park made a motion to approve the February 10, 2011 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemaker and unanimously approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Clifton reviewed the State of Connecticut notice of proposed values of an equivalent nitrogen credit for 2010. Simsbury's selling credit was \$23,823. Also, the Freedom of Information complaint against the Town of Simsbury WPCA has been dismissed.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMORTIZATION OF FACILITY CONNECTION CHARGE

Mr. Clifton stated that there have been recent discussions regarding the potential to ease the one time facility connection charge to allow amortization over a period of ten years. Administratively, this will require putting a lien on the property as well as some additional paperwork. This process would be available for developers as well as individuals.

There was a consensus among the WPCA members that approving the amortization of the facility connection charge would be one less barrier for developers and that the connection charge would remain the same. The

WPCA agreed that they should make this a matter of policy.

Mr. Shoemaker moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority institutionalize the option of paying the Facility Connection Charge over a ten year period as an addendum to the current scheduled charges subject to the Town's standard policy for amortization. The motion was seconded by Dr. Park.

Mr. Janeczko, Landworks Development, stated his concerns regarding the way the FCC is calculated with respect to a land use or product type that did not exist when the current rates were set. He believes that the PAD and Town Center Code should be considered in this calculation

Mr. Richardson stated that while the WPCA is sensitive to development in Simsbury, there has been an investment in expanding the plant and that additional capacity needs to be paid for. He recalls that the fee, based on approximately 130 connections per year, will pay for this cost and feels that their current formula works well.

Mr. Janeczko stated that he would like to return to the WPCA in the near future with information and an argument to ask that the WPCA continue looking into this issue.

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SALE OF 2000 KENWORTH SEMI-TRACTOR AND 2001 TREMCAR TANKER

Mr. Clifton stated he would like to sell the Kenworth tractor and tanker as surplus. He is hopeful to get \$25,000 for each vehicle. The WPCA concurred with this decision.

6. STATUS REPORTS ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS, ETC. – RICH SAWITZKE

Mr. Clifton stated that Bushy Hill Road continues to be on hold until the drier weather.

7. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT – J. CLIFTON

Mr. Clifton reported all permit parameters were met for February. The Tunxis Pump Station contract has been signed and tree clearing will begin in the next few weeks. Alison Sturgeon was hired as the administrative assistant to replace Kendra Dahlquist. The Wolcott Pump Station No. 1 pump suction valve operator wore out and could not be replaced. It is now being operated with a wrench and long cheater bar. Snow and ice removal from the tanks was the primary activity for the month of February. Mr. Clifton

stated that he, and members of the WPCA, will be meeting with non-residential customers who will be seeing the biggest change regarding the usage charge.

Regarding the Facilities Plan update, Mr. Clifton stated that the current plan has not been updated for approximately 12 years. He presented a draft scope for an updated plan. The WPCA will discuss this topic at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Clifton stated that two residences in Governor's Bridge had water in the basement because of the recent rain. He stated that sump pumps that are hooked up to the sanitary sewer system need to be identified and a policy may need to be developed for their removal. The Town Code is very clear regarding this issue. Chairman Richardson suggested having a reminder go out to all residents this year as an annual bill stuffer.

8. ADJOURN

Mr. Coe moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Philip Richardson, Chairman