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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 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, Jay Sheehan and Warren Coe. Also present were: James Clifton, WPC Superintendent; Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer; Nancy Haase, Board of Selectmen Liaison; Alison Sturgeon, Clerk; as well as other interested parties.

2. SAFETY BRIEF – Mr. Clifton gave a safety brief noting that in case of an emergency, everyone should walk to the nearest exit and congregate at the front gate of the facility.

3. SAND HILL SIMSBURY, LLC – 16 SAND HILL ROAD

Attorney Knierim, Jr., representing Sand Hill Simsbury, LLC, stated that the applicant has already received a zone change and a subdivision approval for 16 Sand Hill Road. Kevin Clark, professional engineer, stated that this site was a gravel pit for many years. The applicant is proposing a 12 lot subdivision of single family homes; the subdivision will include a single road coming into a cul-de-sac. There will be a storm water management system and public utilities. The sewers will start at the existing manhole on Canal Street, coming up opposite the subdivision; the sewer will be brought up to the cul-de-sac so each home can be connected.

Mr. Clark stated that the single road in this subdivision will be conveyed to the Town; the sanitary sewer will be in the Town right-of-way. Also, there are two residences on Sand Hill Road that could connect to the sewer through this line. Mr. Gilmore questioned if the applicant would be seeking an agreement to recoup some of the costs if these two other homes connect. Mr. Clark stated that the applicant would like the ability to receive modest compensation if these homeowners connected. Regarding the timeline for the project, Mr. Clark stated that the applicant would like to

start as soon as possible.

Regarding allocation, Mr. Clark stated that this property currently has allocation for 10.9 homes. The property, in its original zone, did not take into account that at some point the property would be developed. He stated that, based on the computations, the property is 1.07 lots shy of the needed allocation for this development. Mr. Sawitzke stated that there is a potential future benefit for additional homes to hook into the sanitary sewer as well as a future extension that could potentially serve an additional 16 homes. These homes are not obligated to hook-up and they would not be assessed until such time as they did hook up. He stated that consideration should be given to granting this additional allocation. If the Authority does approve the additional capacity, Mr. Sawitzke recommended that it be conditioned upon the final detail report; a Tighe & Bond review of the plans; a requirement that the applicant install wye connections for future connections on Sand Hill Road; for the developer to approve execution of a Developer's Agreement upon meeting the requirements of that agreement; and to grant assignment of flow for the additional 1.07 homes.

Mr. Mulshine of 15 Sand Hill Road stated his concerns regarding the resurfacing of Sand Hill Road once the sewers are installed. He also questioned what the cost would be if any of the additional homes wanted to hook up to this new sewer line and if there would be a sunset provision on that hookup. Mr. Sawitzke stated that he would be researching the timeframe and costs; those calculations would be available to the public once they are determined.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the plans and additional allocation of 1.07 houses for 16 Sand Hill Road with the following conditions: a final detail report be submitted; a Tighe & Bond review of the plans; the applicant shall be required to install wye connections for future connections on Sand Hill Road; the developer shall approve execution of a Developer's Agreement upon meeting the requirements of that agreement; and the applicant shall grant assignment of flow for the additional 1.07 houses. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Coe voted in opposition. The motion passed 4-1.

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

Mr. Sawitzke stated that all past requests for extensions have been completed. He stated that the 2 year cycle of funding request has been approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance for expenditures from the sewer assessment fund. He stated that the 3 streets that they are currently looking at are Long View Drive, Russell Lane, and Seminary Road. There is already interest on some of these streets,

although letters will be sent out to all homeowners in these areas to determine other interest as well.

5. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT – J. CLIFTON

Mr. Clifton stated that all permit requirements were met for March. The primary clarifier was taken off-line because the flight chain had jumped a link on one side, which required the tank to be dewatered. It remained off-line to evaluate the benefit of the additional carbon on nitrogen and phosphorus removal. Regarding the Operator III position, Mr. Clifton stated that a direct mailing was sent to Class I Operators in Training as well as Class II Operators. Two applications have already been received; the closing date is April 30, 2012. Also, the tree has been removed from the Farmington River stream bank. The stream bank will be surveyed in April to provide the basis for remediation design. He stated that the TV inspection equipment is currently being assembled and the proposal selection continues for the combination truck bids. Regarding the secondary clarifier, the shaft was damaged and a new one has been ordered.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Clifton reviewed correspondence from DEEP regarding the Hop Brook Development, as well as a letter from Mr. Clifton to The Zoo Gym regarding sewer use.

7. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SEWER USE CHARGES FOR FY 2012-2013

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to schedule the public hearing regarding the sewer use charges for FY 2012-2013 at the May 10, 2012 regular meeting. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

8. MARCH 8, 2012 MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the March 8, 2012 minutes as written. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A meeting of the FCC Policy Review Subcommittee was scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012, at 7:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURN

Dr. Park made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Paul Gilmore, Vice-Chairman