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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richardson 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, Jay Sheehan, Paul Gilmore and Warren Coe. Also present were: Michael LeClaire, WPC Foreman; Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer; Nancy Haase, Board of Selectmen Liaison; Alison Sturgeon, Clerk; as well as other interested parties.

2. SAFETY BRIEF – Chairman Richardson gave a safety brief noting the exits in case of an emergency. He also gave warnings of summertime safety concerns.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE RATES FOR FY 2012/2013

Chairman Richardson opened the public hearing and read the legal notice. There were no members of the public who spoke regarding this issue.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Coe seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sheehan commented that, as a reference, in 2011 the median sewer use rates in Connecticut were \$350.

Dr. Park made a motion to approve the change in the sewer use charge to \$335/EDU for residential customers and to \$4.25/CCF for non-residential customers for fiscal year 2012/2013. Mr. Coe seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. LANDWORKDS DEVELOPMENT, LCC – DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT

Mr. Gilmore felt that there were several provisions in the agreement that needed to be changed to deal with the fact that the facility connection

charge is currently under re-evaluation. One of the things he put in the agreement is that the charge is currently "x" which is the sum, which will be paid per residential dwelling unit unless it is changed at the time when the permits are applied for. The charge that is in effect at that time for residential dwelling units will be applied to the project. Landworks did not have a problem with this language. Mr. Gilmore also added a clause stating that to the extent that there are commercial components to this project, then those components will be evaluated by WPC staff or the Town Engineer, who will make an assessment and assess a connection charge accordingly. Landworks objected to this. Mr. Gilmore stated that because the policy is under review, he inserted other language acknowledging that no representation has been made to Landworks as to whether or not there may be any change to the FCC Policy. Mr. Gilmore stated that he needs authority from the WPCA in order to authorize these changes to the Landwork's Developer's Agreement. The Authority decided that Mr. Gilmore would email the draft agreement, with the changes, to the members for their review.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to authorize Chairman Richardson to sign the Landworks Developer's Agreement as long as there are no objections to the changes by the Authority by the end of the business day on Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Sawitzke stated that there are three sewer extensions under consideration, including: Seminary Road, Russell Lane and Longview Drive. Letters will be sent out to determine the level of interested homeowners who would like to connect to the sewers. He stated that some people on the west end of Seminary Road have expressed interest, although if there is more interest, more homes could be served. The same type of situation is happening on Russell Lane, where one homeowner would like to connect, although the Town would like to be prudent in planning. This could be a main line if the homeowner would grant the Town an easement. Regarding Long View Drive, there is some interest, but at the same time, the Town needs to make some upgrades to the facility in terms of connecting the public works campus through a pump line.

6. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT – M. LECLAIRE

Mr. LeClaire stated that all permit requirements were met. The bypass will be installed soon at the Tunxis Pump Station. The Farmington River Stream bank will be surveyed. The TV inspection equipment has arrived and training will begin in May. There were five vendors who submitted proposals for combination trucks. The decision was made to purchase a Vac-Con truck. The damaged shaft, bearings and lip seals on the worm gear

drive have been replaced. All of the work was preformed in-house.

Mr. Sheehan stated that there are new regulations on disclosures of by-passes to the public.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Sawitzke reviewed a memo regarding infiltration and inflow abatement policy. He stated that the Town has various redevelopments in smaller areas, such as the Town Center Zone, which would need additional flow. From an allocation point of view, these developments would exceed what the project is deemed acceptable from the land use commissions. There can be an offset between granting flow for a project and reducing inflow and infiltration. Mr. Sheehan stated that he feels it would be appropriate to have a small task force look at this concept and make a recommendation to the Authority. He volunteered to lead this task force and would send out a letter to solicit other volunteers.

8. APRIL 12, 2012 MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to approve the April 12, 2012 minutes as written. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Richardson abstained.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gilmore stated that the FCC Subcommittee has asked the consultant for further input in terms of what other Town's rates would be for similar projects in zones similar. He stated that Simsbury's current charge is within the range of other Towns. Mr. Gilmore stated that there was also discussion regarding inviting Developers to an upcoming meeting to discuss their ability to go forward with projects if there is no change in the FCC, as well as having an independent financial consultant look at this issue. Mr. Gilmore stated that he is ready to come up with recommendations and move forward. He is hopeful that the subcommittee will have a recommendation by the June WPCA meeting.

Mr. Sheehan stated that, at the CT Water Pollution Abatement Association meeting, Mr. Clifton presented a training program for the entire State of Connecticut. This is a great program that will move the industry forward. He will write a press release regarding this.

10. ADJOURN

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Mr. Coe seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Philip Richardson, Chairman