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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Philip Richardson called the regular meeting of the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:34 p.m. at the Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The following members were present: Philip Burton, Warren Coe, Paul Gilmore and Michael Park. Also present were James Clifton, Superintendent Water Pollution Control Facility; Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer, and Kendra Dahlquist, clerk. Gary Faraci arrived at 7:44 pm. and Edward Kelly was absent.

II. STATUS REPORTS ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS:

Bushy Hill Road at Sidney Way is complete, with some testing done and an expected acceptance request in October.

High Hill Road is substantially complete, but remaining portions need to be coordinated with ongoing water line installation.

Pheasant Lane is being considered for sewers, with a suggested hearing in November.

Wolcott Road is complete, with an assessment hearing suggested for October.

Mr. Gilmore moved, and Mr. Park seconded a motion for the Authority to hold two public hearings at the Authority's upcoming regular meetings: one on sewer assessments for Wolcott Road in October 2009, and another for Pheasant Lane property owners in November 2009. Motion passed.

III. DRAFT MODIFICATIONS TO PERMIT AGREEMENT FOR PRIVATE SEWERS BY DEVELOPERS

A final draft prepared by Mr. Gilmore is close to completion and will be circulated by email for review by the end of the month.

IV. MINUTES: June 11, 2009

Mr. Gilmore moved, and Mr. Park seconded a motion to approve the June 11, 2009 minutes, as presented. Mr. Burton abstained. Motion passed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

13 Alder Road: homeowner was not present, no action required.

67 Laurel Lane: after discussion, the WPCA concluded they granted no authorization to this property owner to disconnect from the public sewer nor did the WPCA grant approval for the installation of a septic system. The WPCA further recognized the jurisdiction of another agency (Farmington Valley Health District) to require a permit and inspection for a septic system. Mr. Gilmore requested an Executive Session.

90 Wolcott Road: after a lengthy discussion of the variables in the FCC calculations, the Authority was amenable to using a revised figure based on 100 employees.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS; Executive Session

Mr. Gilmore moved and Mr. Coe seconded a motion to recess the regular meeting at 7:50 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation regarding Laurel Lane. Motion passed.

Chairman Richardson reconvened the regular meeting at 8:07 pm. The conclusions reached during Executive Session were that the property owner was never authorized by the WPCA to disconnect, and is still considered to be a user of the public sewer and will continue to be charged as such. Disconnection is contrary to the provisions of the Simsbury Sewer Use Ordinance, and a property owner does not have the right to abandon the sewer when a habitable structure remains on the property. A written response will be prepared in consultation with counsel and forwarded to the property owner.

VII. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Clifton touched on the following topics in his report for June, July & August. Permit parameters were met in June and July, with a slight exception in August, and a new NPDES Permit Application for renewal was submitted in August and Spill Prevention and Control Countermeasures were updated in conjunction with the application. Modifications of the Sewer Use Ordinance were to be considered at the September 14 meeting of the Board of

Selectmen and the South Pump Station rehabilitation is progressing well. Phosphorus removal planning continues as part of the new NPDES permit, and there were significant maintenance expenditures for influent grinder repair over the summer. An inquiry about suspending residential sewer bills while water is turned off drew a conclusion that it was an administrative impossibility for the Authority to monitor such activity.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Burton moved, and Mr. Faraci seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Philip Richardson, Chairman