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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

DRAFT OF MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Philip Richardson called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The following members were present: Philip Burton, Warren Coe, Ed Kelly, and Michael Park. Also present were: James Clifton, Superintendent WPCF; Kendra Dahlquist, Clerk; Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer, and other interested parties. Gary Faraci and Paul Gilmore were absent.

II. PUBLIC HEARING: ASSESSMENTS ON CORNFIELD ROAD & ELAINE DRIVE

Mr. Richardson opened the public hearing by reading the Legal Notice, as follows:

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
LEGAL NOTICE

The Simsbury Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Water Pollution Control Facility, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The purpose of the hearing is to review and vote on the proposed sewer assessments for 18, 20 and 22 Elaine Drive, and 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 Cornfield Road as part of these sewer extension projects in Simsbury, CT. This will be the one and only hearing of the Authority on these assessments. Any affected property owners may appear and be heard.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Philip Richardson, Chairman

Mr. Richardson opened the hearing by inviting Mr. Sawitzke to review both the Cornfield Road and Elaine Drive projects, explain assessment and various connection costs and outline the financing options available to

homeowners. Homeowners from 5 and 10 Cornfield Road and 18 and 20 Elaine Drive were present and had their questions answered satisfactorily by Mr. Sawitzke.

A motion was made by Mr. Burton and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the Cornfield Road assessments as presented. The motion passed.

Mr. Sawitzke continued with an explanation of Elaine Drive, answering questions from property owners present, and noting the differences in soil conditions (encountering rock ledge) and the resulting rise in costs since the original estimates two years earlier.

A motion was made by Mr. Park and seconded by Mr. Burton, to close the public hearing. Motion passed. Chairman Richardson asked for a motion to approve both the presentations for Cornfield Road and Elaine Drive reviewed at the public hearing; Mr. Burton so moved and Mr. Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

III. MINUTES: June 12, 2008

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Park to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2008 meeting as presented. Messrs .Burton and Richardson abstained. Motion passed.

IV. STATUS REPORT ON SEWER PROJECTS

Cornfield Road: Complete and approved for assessment

Wolcott Road: Approved by WPCA to proceed; designed and bid to insure funding.

High Hill Circle: In survey and preliminary design phase for construction in Spring 2009.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON WOLCOTT ROAD SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Richardson opened the public hearing at 7:30 pm by reading the legal notice as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF SIMSBURY

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Simsbury Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 11, 2008 7:30 pm in the conference room at the Water Pollution Control Facility at 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury, CT. The purpose of the hearing is to review a proposal for extending sanitary sewers to serve 77, 80, 85 & 90 Wolcott Road, Simsbury, CT. All interested property owners should appear and be heard.

Water Pollution Control Authority
Philip Richardson, Chairman

Mr. Richardson invited Mr. Sawitzke to explain the project and a general discussion followed regarding how sewer extension projects work, how and where the lines were to be laid, various costs and how they are calculated and financed, and the potential for expansion in the future. A poll of the residents in attendance was taken; #80 Griffin Land, Mr. Bosco, yes; #85-93 Mr. Blanchette, yes; #90 Mr. Martin, yes; #77 Mr. Anderson, not present.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Burton to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:04 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Coe to proceed with the plans to extend sewers to the properties at 77, 80, 85 and 90 Wolcott Road. Motion passed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Silvester of 4 Quad Hill Road requested a refund for excess sewer use fees he paid from 1997 to 2004 due to incorrect EDU allotments to his property. Mr. Clifton had found no evidence to justify or explain the incorrect allotment of 3 EDU's for a single-family home.

It was noted that the Water Pollution Control Authority is not bound by any statute that limits the number of years for which it may extend a refund for overpayment.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Coe to direct the Tax Department to reimburse Mr. Silvester for excess sewer use fees paid from 1997 to 2004 in the amount of \$2304.00. Motion passed.

VII. WATER TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Clifton reported earlier in the meeting on his efforts to eventually convert sewer use billing to a flow-based system for a more accurate EDU calculation for commercial properties. The June-September Summary detailed 2 bypass incidents in June, and a flow data collection problem in August. Mutual aid agreements are now in place. The bids for South Pump Station came in over budget that will probably extend the construction schedule. The consensus was that other capital expenditures that have been an ongoing part of the budget may have to be revised upward.

VIII: OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session

Mr Burton moved and Mr Park seconded a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation regarding Laurel Lane. Motion passed.

Authority members present were joined by Mr. Clifton, Ms.Dahlquist, and Town Counsel Robert de Crescenzo. There was a brief discussion but no decisions were taken.

Mr Burton moved and Mr. Coe seconded a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Burton moved, and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Both motions passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Philip Richardson, Chairman