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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2011
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paul Gilmore called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The following members were present: Warren Coe, Jay Sheehan and Ed Kelly. Also present were: James Clifton, WPC Superintendent, Leslie Faraci, Clerk and other interested parties.

1. SAFETY BRIEF - Mr. Clifton gave a safety brief which included the location of emergency exits in the facility.

2. PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUATION) – SEWER ASSESSMENT FOR PHEASANT LANE PROJECT

Mr. Gilmore summarized that there had been some concern about the proposed cost of the Pheasant Lane Project and the fact that there is a parcel of property on Pheasant Lane (#7) that was initially contemplated years ago as being part of this project, but was actually hooked up prior to the present project, and therefore, that user is not a part of this project. Mr. Gilmore referenced correspondence dated October 13, 2011 from the resident of 17 Pheasant Lane which expresses concern over the proposed sewer assessment. Mr. Clifton then explained how the assessment had dropped due to the fact that there was one additional parcel (Weatogue Park - rear parcel) which, when recalculated, would lower each assessment by approximately \$3,000. Mr. Clifton explained that the resident of 17 Pheasant Lane did not have this revised number at the time the letter was written. Mr. Kelly explained that the assessment plus FCC would now total \$15,672.65 instead of the originally calculated \$18,567.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to close the public hearing regarding Pheasant Lane Project. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gilmore then asked for any discussion from the Commission members. The re-calculation of the assessment, including the new parcel was reviewed

once again, pursuant to a question by Mr. Coe. Mr. Sheehan wanted to bring up the fact that the 5th parcel is Town Property, saying essentially that the Town is subsidizing these home owners by absorbing some of the cost. Mr. Gilmore said yes, the Town is absorbing their pro rata share, as they should for the potential for future use.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Pheasant Lane sewer project #SP 53-10-11. Mr. Coe seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. CANTON WPCA PRESENTATION – PAUL DOMBROWSKI – WOODARD & CURRAN

Mr. Sheehan recused himself from all decisions regarding this issue because he is employed at Woodard & Curran.

Mr. Dombrowski stated that although he was present at last month's meeting, he would give a brief overview again of the matter. Mr. Dombrowski said that the Town of Canton has an interest in sewerage seven (7) parcels at the corner of Canton along Route 44. He stated that there will be a flow of up to 10,000 gallons per day, which would make most sense to ultimately go to the Simsbury Treatment Plant. Mr. Clifton said that 10,000 gallons/day is a very small volume and capacity should not be an issue, in his opinion. The flow paths were discussed among Mr. Clifton and the Commission members. Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Dombrowski discussed how the usage would be monitored and billed, which would be done on a quarterly basis according to Mr. Dombrowski. Mr. Gilmore asked Mr. Dombrowski that if a time came when they were already at their 10,000 gallon/day capacity and then they wanted to develop additional parcels, would they come back to the Commission, to which Mr. Dombrowski replied, yes, they would have to come back to the WPCA prior to development moving forward. Mr. Gilmore said he thinks the fee commencement date should start when the contract is signed, rather than at the date of the hook-up, as currently presented in the agreement. Mr. Dombrowski said he understands Mr. Gilmore's position, but the reason he does not think that is appropriate is because Simsbury is not close to capacity and the 10,000 gallons/day is not in demand from any other party. Mr. Clifton and the Commission members discussed the plant's capacity as well as future development plans further.

Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Gilmore discussed their timeline with regards to moving forward with legal review and the signing of the contract. Mr. Gilmore stated that he could have further material concerns or refinements with the agreement, but does want to be accommodating to Mr. Dombrowski. Mr. Gilmore said he can put Mr. Dombrowski on the agenda for next month's meeting, but he cannot guarantee that they will have a revised contract, as he wants the rest of the Commission members to review and provide feedback. Mr. Dombrowski reiterated that any comments that he can bring back to Canton at their next meeting, would be helpful, they meet on November 29th. The legal review of the document was discussed. Mr. Gilmore asked the

Commission members if there were any additional questions, there were none. He thanked Mr. Dombrowski for his presentation.

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

In Rich Sawitzke's absence, Mr. Clifton said there is not much new to report since last month's meeting.

5. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT – J. CLIFTON

Mr. Clifton said, with regards to Tunxis PS Replacement, the contractor is having trouble procuring all of the materials needed and now winter is approaching. With the freezing weather approaching, Mr. Clifton said the majority of the work will be delayed until spring.

With regards to the October Storm, Mr. Clifton said all of the generators worked hard, and he presented the Commission with a breakout of the hours the generators had worked. Mr. Sheehan said that Tariffville was minus an operator due to injury and their emergency generator had mechanical problems. The WPC portable generator was made available to refill the Tariffville ground storage tank. Mr. Sheehan expressed that he appreciates the mutual aid that was provided.

Mr. Clifton noted, with regards to the South Interceptor Sewer, the riprap installation was complete on November 8, 2011 to stabilize the stream bank that slumped due to the Storm Irene tree fall.

Mr. Clifton stated that Jim Hyde representing the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) came by to tour the section of the Farmington River stream bank that needs to be protected from further erosion. Unfortunately NRCS funding is limited to watersheds less than 400 square miles and our location exceeds that number, therefore it is outside of NRCS's sphere of influence. Mr. Hyde, NRCS District Conservationist, directed Mr. Clifton to contact our FEMA representative for potential funding and direction for achieving the stabilization needed.

Mr. Clifton told the Commission that a request for bids has been advertised for removal of the remaining trees on the stream bank next to the South Interceptor.

Mr. Clifton said he met with the Personnel Subcommittee regarding recruiting for a Class III Wastewater Operator, and he has not received feedback yet. As soon as he does, he will place an ad for that position.

Mr. Clifton said they went back to Tariffville School in response to the complaint of an odor and they found the problem. It was the in-ground grease trap that was not ventilated, did not have baffles installed, and the manhole frames were not property let. These issues have been corrected

and it appears that the odor issue is gone.

Budget Revisions:

Mr. Clifton proposed to move the garage renovations and the purchase of the combo truck to FY 2012-2013 (originally scheduled for FY 2011-2012).

The purchase of two (2) pick-up trucks was scheduled for FY 2012-2013, he would like to move their purchase to the FY 2011-2012 budget in replacement of the previously mentioned garage renovation and combo truck purchase.

The third item Mr. Clifton proposed was to bond approximately \$1,600,000 in FY 2012-2013 for the rehabilitation of the Wolcott Pump Station and the garage bay modifications.

Mr. Clifton said he would like to get the Commission's support on these issues prior to going to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

The bonding of the \$1,600,000 was discussed further between Mr. Clifton and the Commission. Mr. Gilmore said he would like more of the Commission members in attendance prior to providing an opinion with regards to the bonding issue.

Due to timing issues, Mr. Sheehan said they could move forward by giving support on items #(1) and #(2), but wait until next month to move on item #(3), the bonding issue.

6. CORRESPONDENCE -

Mr. Clifton said the only letter was from NRCS, which was already discussed.

7. FCC POLICY REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Gilmore stated that the subcommittee met in late October and came up with the scope for the consulting engineer, which was forwarded to Mr. Clifton. Mr. Gilmore said he intended to sign that this evening if it were ready. The scope, Mr. Gilmore stated, covered the four (4) points previously discussed plus two (2) additional points that had arisen at the meetings, resulting in a six (6) paragraph scope. Mr. Sheehan asked if the final version could be circulated to the Commission members. Mr. Sheehan acknowledged the urgency the Town has shown for an outcome on this decision. Mr. Kelly then asked Mr. Gilmore, if the FCC goes down, how would that affect those who have paid the previous fee in the amount of \$4,095. Mr. Gilmore replied that if the change is made, it will be based on a better financial model that takes multiple factors into consideration. Mr. Gilmore said that they should discuss this point with the full Commission, look at the history of policy change, and see if there was any reconciliation or did they just move forward with the change and cause it to be completely prospective. This issue was discussed further between Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kelly reiterated that in fairness, they need to

consider those who paid the \$4,095 FCC, assuming the revised FCC will be less than that. Mr. Gilmore said he will bring that concern to the subcommittee. Mr. Gilmore said if that is going to be an issue to bring up to the consultant, he may ask the subcommittee to meet again in order to add this point into the scope. Mr. Gilmore asked if anyone else would like to weigh in on the policy review, and Mr. Kelly asked about the timeline for the process. Mr. Gilmore said that once the engineer gets the scope, it would be probably 60-90 days for a report turnaround, and then within ten (10) days of getting the report, there will be a meeting to review and move forward towards a decision, putting the time to be March-May 2012. Mr. Sheehan said he thinks it is important to set that expectation, as there are those who are waiting to hear on the issue.

8. OCTOBER 13, 2011 MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the October 13, 2011 minutes, with the one typographic correction presented by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mr. Gilbert abstained, as he was not present at the October 13th meeting.

9. PROPOSED WPCA 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Proposed WPCA 2012 Meeting Schedule as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

10. OTHER BUSINESS –

Mr. Clifton told the Commission he had one bill from CT Carpentry Corp., in the amount of \$3,510, that needed approval.

Mr. Kelly made a motion that the invoice, dated October 14, 2011, from CT Carpentry Corp. in the amount of \$3,510, be approved. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

11. ADJOURN

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Mr. Coe seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Paul Gilmore, Chairman

