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REGULAR MEETING

Control Authority to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The

2. SAFETY BRIEF - Chairman Richardson gave a safety brief noting that the roads will be slippery as the leaves start to fall, and that Halloween is right around the corner and kids will be out and about. He also noted the exits in case of an emergency.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to take the agenda out of order. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. FCC POLICY REVIEW UPDATE

Mr. Gilmore stated that he took the counsel of the WPCA in order to refine and draft the language in terms of the details that were raised at the last meeting. He gave the Authority a brief overview of the proposed revision to the policy. He stated that this proposal stratifies the facilities connection charge (FCC) for residential dwelling units into three different segments, creating two new segments. Mr. Gilmore stated that he also defined the terms, bedroom; condominium; apartment; and square footage, as well as a provision for mixed-use. He also crafted a provision requiring the owner of an apartment or condominium building to furnish the authority with drawings and specs that would set forth the number of bedrooms in each unit, as well as the square footage of each unit. The owner would also need to certify under oath that those drawings are substantially correct.

The Authority members discussed the proposed definition of a condominium in terms of the number of dwelling units that would need to be contained within a single building.

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any comments or questions from the public.

Mr. Janeczko, Landworks Development, stated that he feels the proposed definition of a bedroom is too generic. He stated that, under this proposed definition, every dining room in an apartment that could have a door becomes a bedroom for counting purposes. Regarding the new plans that will need to be generated under this proposed revision, he stated that building permits have to go through the Fire Marshal as well as the Building Official's office; these permits meet all of the State, Federal and local regulations for calculating the square footage. Regarding the term condominium having to be 4 units in a building, he suggested using the term, "multi-family". Mr. Janeczko stated that, in terms of square footage, he suggests using the term, "conditioned space"; any space that is heated or cooled is clearly living space.

Mr. Girard stated that if a project fits the criteria in the Policy, it should not matter the number of units in a building. Mr. Janeczko suggested that the Authority look at each project as a whole.

The Authority members had a short discussion regarding the term, "multi-family". Mr. Clifton questioned

how something like the "tower", a detached structure in the Landworks project would be treated. The

consensus of the Authority was that it would be treated as a single family dwelling. They also agreed to use the terms, "multi-family" and "habitable space" and to leave the definition of a bedroom as Mr. Gilmore has proposed.

Mr. Gilmore suggested that the Authority vote on this proposed revision to the Policy as an Addendum to the Facility Connection Charge Policy.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to present the proposed revisions to the FCC Policy at a public hearing for discussion and possible vote. Dr. Park seconded the motion.

Mr. Clifton stated that a date of the public hearing is needed in the motion.

Mr. Sheehan amended his motion to include the public hearing date of

November 8, 2012. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the amended motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. REPORT OF CT DEEP STATEWIDE BACTERIA TMDL – J. CLIFTON

Mr. Clifton stated that the CT DEEP has developed a report detailing total maximum daily load analyses for bacteria impaired waterways. He stated that there are several waterways in Simsbury that have bacteria issues, including Munnisunk Brook, Owens Brook, Russell Brook, Minister Brook as well as the Farmington River at Tariffville. The Town of Simsbury has recently revised their stormwater controls for new developments.

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

Mr. Sawitzke stated that there are three projects up for consideration, including Russell Road (west side); Seminary Road (west end); and Long View. He will have preliminary cost estimates and designs within the next few months. He suggested that the Authority have a staggered hearing schedule, starting in January 2013.

Mr. Sawitzke stated that the Town has received funding to do a study on the Farmington River stream bank where there is some slippage on the bank near the south interceptor. He suggested doing an RFP for this for consideration in the spring of 2013.

6. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT – J. CLIFTON

Mr. Clifton stated that Tunxis is moving slower than expected. He stated that he recently served on an interview panel for the Town of Farmington. He is also coordinating the CT Wastewater Management Leadership Program; Mike LeClaire has enrolled in this program. Regarding the pump station alarms, the moving of wires at the Drake Hill Mall caused disruption and the facility was without alarm circuits from the pump stations for several days, although everything has now been reconnected.

Mr. Clifton stated that flows are down; this has been a very dry period. Regarding phosphorus, he stated that last month, the plant put out 14.7 pounds per day; the proposed TMDL is 46.95 pounds per day. He stated that they are currently meeting their permit requirements for phosphorus.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Clifton reviewed the correspondence with the Authority members, which included a thank-you note from a student who took a tour of the facility; a memo from Mr. Sawitzke regarding extra allocation for 146-150 Hopmeadow Street; registration for the fall workshop of CAWPCA; and a letter from Town Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo regarding the settlement for Mr. Patrick McCue.

8. SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the September 13, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion and possible approval for extra allocation for 146-150 Hopmeadow Street. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Richardson stated that the Authority received a memo from Mr. Sawitzke stating that this increase in allocation would not negatively affect the system.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to approve the extra allocation of 860 gallons per day for 146-150 Hopmeadow Street as discussed in the September 2012 minutes as well as in Mr. Sawitzke's memo dated October 5, 2012. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sheehan discussed the possibility of Simsbury having a sewer bank. When a developer needs allocation, they would use the sewer bank; they would put in for some of the I&I removal somewhere else in the system. They would be creating the same capacity in the overage they are taking out. Mr. Sheehan stated that this program could be managed by Mr. Sawitzke.

Mr. Sheehan stated that if the Authority chooses to implement a program such as this, a simple ordinance or regulation could be drafted.

9. ADJOURN

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Philip Richardson, Chairman

