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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
December 12, 2011  
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Philip Richardson called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:32 p.m. at the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The following members were present: Paul Gilmore, Michael Park, Loren Shoemaker, Jay Sheehan and Ed Kelly. Also present were: James Clifton, WPC Superintendent, and Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer, Alison Sturgeon, Clerk as well as other interested parties.

2. SAFETY BRIEF - Mr. Richardson gave a safety brief which included the location of emergency exits and actions to be taken in the event of an emergency.

3. FCC IMPLEMENTATION LETTER OF 2006 – BRUCE HAZEN, 307 HOPMEADOW ST.

Mr. Hazen stated that he never received the 2006 FCC implementation letter. He has had a post office box since 1999, which needs a two line address; this may be the reason that he did not receive the letter. He stated that he did not know that sewers existed on his street or that he could tie into them. If he had known, he would have done this already at the lower FCC rate. He stated that he does not currently have any problems with his septic system, although it is becoming a hassle for him and his wife and they would like to hook up to the sewers. He is requesting that the WPCA review his request for a compromise between the old and current FCC rates.

Chairman Richardson stated that the sewers have existed in this area since this homeowner moved in 20 years ago. He stated that the 2006 mailing was only a courtesy. There were also public hearings and newspaper notifications when reviewing and voting to change the FCC. He stated that while he is sympathetic to Mr. Hazen, it would be difficult to consider this request after 6 years. Mr. Gilmore stated that he is not hearing any

compelling circumstance to justify equitable relief. He feels that if the WPCA reduces the FCC for this homeowner, many other residents would want the same opportunity.

Mr. Kelly stated that there is a subcommittee currently reviewing the FCC Policy. Chairman Richardson stated that the FCC is currently \$4095, although they are in the process of reviewing this policy. He stated that Mr. Hazen may want to look into the results when completed.

4. CANTON WPCA – PAUL DOMBROWSKI, WOODARD & CURRAN

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

Mr. Dombrowski distributed written comments from Chairman Richardson and Mr. Coe in order to review and discuss them with the Authority. The WPCA discussed the contract in detail, point by point, and made many changes throughout the document. The Town Attorney will be reviewing the contract changes as well.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion that the WPCA authorizes himself to work in cooperation with the Town of Canton to derive a final draft that meets with the approved context and concepts agreed upon by the Authority subject to review by the Town Attorney with the proviso that nothing that was said by the Authority at this meeting commits the Town of Simsbury towards a course of action that does not meet with the full approval and support of the Town Attorney. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Sheehan abstained.

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

Mr. Sawitzke stated that all prior approved projects have been completed. Both extensions, 99 Deer Park Road and Bushy Hill Road, will be ready for assessment hearings in February of 2012. He stated that there have been several requests for extensions, including Seminary Road; Adams Road; Russell Road and possibly Chriswell Drive. There is also an Authority project to relocate and reconstruct the pump station on Long View Drive. He stated that he will be putting together cost figures for these projects.

6. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT – J. CLIFTON

Mr. Clifton stated that the position for Wastewater Operator III has been advertised. The legal notice for the TV inspection equipment request for bids has also been published.

Mr. Clifton stated that he did meet with the First Selectman regarding the

FY 12/13 budget. The rehabilitation of the Wolcott Pump Station has been put in for bonding. He stated that he will be purchasing a smaller combination truck, which will fit in the existing garage; this will allow for more storage space in the garage. He stated that the expansion to the garage bays will be a capital project in the future.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Clifton stated that the Town Charter Revision Commission will be meeting tomorrow night. He volunteered to go to this meeting to let that them know that the WPCA does not have any issues to bring before them.

8. FCC POLICY REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Gilmore stated that he has invited Dennis Setzko and Maureen Crowley from AECOM to further discuss the scope of their work at the next FCC Policy Review Subcommittee meeting, which will be held immediately following tonight's WPCA special meeting.

9. NOVEMBER 10, 2011 MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the November 10, 2011 minutes as written. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, which was approved. Messrs. Richardson, Shoemaker and Parks abstained.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – There was none.

11. ADJOURN

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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Philip Richardson, Chairman