

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
REGULAR MEETING
OXFORD TOWN HALL

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Larry Ellis called the meeting to order at 720 P.M.

Present: Larry Ellis, Bob Peck, Karl Borkowski Scott Halstead, Maintenance Supervisor

Tardy; Fred D'Amico

Absent: Joe Zamoic

Review and Approval of Minutes

Northeast Stihl proposed building is 300,000 s/f.

MOTION By Bob Peck to approve the 7/15/15 Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by Larry Ellis. Motion unanimously approved. The August meeting cancelled.

Amendments to the a Agenda - None

Audience of Citizens – None

APPLICATIONS

Percy Ferris, Ferris Properties, 65 Prokop Road

Applicant not present. Submitted drawings were reviewed.

5,000 s/f building. A small pump up to the gravity sewer line. The elevation is about the same as the line. The sewer line is on Riggs Street. The connection will be through saddle and a Y prior to the manhole on the main line. There are no laterals off the main line.

Discussion on connecting with a lateral onto their property with a splash box. This would get the 2" force line out of the road.

7:25 P.M. Chairman Fred D'Amico arrived.

MOTION by Fred D'Amico to approve Percy Ferris, Ferris Properties application for 65 Prokop Road to tie in with a 6" gravity lateral to the edge of the shoulder and a 2" force main tie in with a 2 "x6" reducer. Second by Karl Borkowski. Motion unanimously passed.

Fred D'Amico took over as Chair of the meeting.

CPV Towantic, LLC, - Applicant not present

Towner Lane Pump Station

Discussion on the sewer force main break which occurred on August 3, 2015.

All the bills have been submitted and paid. A request will be made to the Board of Finance to transfer funds to cover the deficits to the line items. The total cost of cleanup, repairs and overtime was \$41,500.

Analytical Consulting Technology, Inc. tested a cross section of the damaged pipe. Tests results found that gray cast iron was used. This is a lesser grade than black cast iron. The cast iron used was called for in the specifications. Inspections and testing found that the pipe to deteriorating from the outside in.

Discussion on what the next step would be to prevent another break in the sewer line. The WPCA felt that if there were more breaks in the near future, the line would have to be replaced. Discussion on requesting funds to have test holes dug in other areas along the sewer line to see if there would be potential breakages.

A report will be submitted to the Board of Finance requesting up to \$30,000 for up to three test holes to be done along the sewer line and the possibility that if there are more breaks in the near future the sewer line would have to be replaced.

Larry Ellis, on behalf of the WPCA, commended Mr. Halstead on the excellent work he did handling the emergency. Mr. Ellis noted that Mr. Halstead stayed on the site for 36 hours straight.

Report from Staff

August Reports:

Runtime Summary

Flow Report

Appropriation Summary

Revenue Report

Other Business

Scott Halstead will get prices for a thermostat controlled cooling fan for the Perkins Road Pump Station. This may resolve the issue of the alarm setting off in hot weather.

Discussion on having a full time inspector for the installation of any public sewer line. An individual inspector would cost less than having an engineering firm do the inspections.

An applicant does pay an inspection fee, so the Town would be reimbursed for the inspector. A line item for inspector would have to be added to the next fiscal year. The regulations could be changed to specify that the applicant\property owner pays for daily inspector for all proposed main extensions.

MOTION: by Bob Peck to request the hiring of a full time inspector for all public sewer lines, including emergencies. Second by Larry Ellis. Vote Ayes (3), Nay (1). Motion passes.

A request will be sent to the Board of Selectman requesting \$30,000 for a full time inspector for sewer line installations.

Seymour has increased its sewer fees. They are charging .0054. Oxford is 0051. The increase needed to cover commercial users.

The annual report was reviewed. It will be submitted to the Selectmen's Office.

MOTION by Karl Borkowski to approve the annual report. Second by Larry Elis. Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Larry Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Second by Karl Borkowski. Motion unanimously carried.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia Peck
WPCA, Clerk

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Cynthia A. Peck
TOWN CLERK