

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2016  
REGULAR MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fred D'Amico called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Present Larry Ellis, Bob Peck, Bob Farnum and Scott Halstead, Maintenance Supervisor.

Absent: Karl Borkowski

**Amendment to the Agenda**

MOTION by Larry Ellis to amend the agenda to include the following:

Under Applications – Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center

Under Other Business – Construction standards and Towner Lane force main corrosion. Second by Bob Farnum. Motion unanimously approved.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Corrections to 1/27/16 minutes

Page 2: CPV Towantic Inc. approval is contingent upon

Page 4: Motion by Larry Ellis to nominate Fred D'Amico as Chair. Second by Bob Peck. Motion unanimously approved. Motion by Bob Peck to nominate Larry Ellis as Vice-Chair. Second by Karl Borkowski. Motion unanimously approved.

**MOTION** by Larry Elis to approve the corrected 1/27/16 Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by Bob Peck. Motion unanimously approved

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS** - None

**APPLICATIONS**

As the Quarry Walk Development, AKA Oxford Town Center, was already approved by the WPPCA, units connecting to the system will have to pay the required fees, but unless there would be a high-impact, applicants do not have to come before the WPCA. Scott Halstead will sign-off on the applications.

Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center. Oxford Town Center was approved. Applicant has Planning & Zoning approval. There will be minimum impact with restroom and a small lunch room. 12,000 s/f building. 1,200 GPD. Construction of the building will begin around the first of May and finish by the first of October.

#### **RT 67 Sewer Line**

Reviewed report. The job is about 45% completed. 2,588 LF of 12" SDR was installed. Work has slowed down due to utilities in the road. Test borings have been done. An as-built is required before approval is given.

The applicant is looking to complete the project the first of May. A letter will be sent to the applicant specifying the requirements before the WPCA will give final approval.

The Board of Finance approved an additional \$15,000 for inspector fees.

#### **E Commerce Sewer Line**

Work is about 40% complete. The construction of the road has started. 1,564 LF of 8" SDR was installed. Plans were updated and approved by WPCA's engineer. Scott Halstead has been present when pipe was laid.

Discussion on the easement. The easement is on the plan. It states that easement is to be granted upon sale of lot. There is a utility and road easements. The Mylar map showing the easements will be field.

#### **Discussion with Possible Action on Setting a Public Hearing of Sewer User Fees**

Discussion on how much to increase the fees. Seymour increased their rate.

**MOTION** by Larry Ellis to set Public Hearing on April 27, 2016 to increase the sewer user fees to .0058. Second by Bob Peck. Motion unanimously approved.

#### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

Perkins Road pump station – The pump was reinstalled after the propeller was increased to get more flow. The pump was working before it was removed. It was repaired and will be reinstalled.

Letter dated March 10, 2016 from James Stewart, Director of Public, Borough of Naugatuck, regarding odor complaints from residents in the Gunntown Road and Rubber Avenue extension area. Naugatuck's sewer contractor, Veolia, has traced the odors to the Oxford sewer line.

Scott Halstead determined that the cause of the odor is low flow, the long length between force mains. The sewer is starting to break down in the force main, which causes the odors. Four locations are being metered to see the levels of hydrogen sulfate. Magnesium is being put in manually. A pallet costs \$7,000 and is being discontinued. Odor-control can be very expensive. Other Towns will be asked to see how they handle this problem.

Discussion on the cause may be due to the commercial or industrial users. They are the majority of the users of the sewer line. The problem started about five years ago, was alleviated, but the odor has been returning. Two companies have been contacted to see if they can find the cause of the odor.

A letter will be sent to Mr. Stewart informing him that the WPCA is working to resolve this matter.

#### **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS**

Appropriation Summary – as of 3/31/2016.

Budget was presented to Boards of Selectmen and Finance. The Board of Finance suggested writing a letter to the two boards requesting that a percentage of the user fees be put into a reserve account along other fees. This will be used to build a special fund for major projects. Mr. D'Amico suggested putting in all but the user fees.

Motion by Bob Peck to approve the reports. Second by Larry Ellis. Motion unanimously approved.

#### **OTHER BUSINES**

Construction Standards - Discussion on adopting standards related to sewer construction. The Ten State Standards will be reviewed.

Towner Lane force main corrosion. Mr. Farnum has contacted someone about coming to test the Towner Lane force main corrosion. The WPCA thought it was a good idea to see if it could be tested and how much it would cost.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Larry Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Second by Bob Peck. Motion unanimously approved.

Filed Subject to Approval

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia Peck

WPCA, Clerk

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TOWN OF SUFFORD, CT  
*Margaret A. West*  
TOWN CLERK