

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on November 23, 2009 in the conference room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Ms. Sheridan, Messrs.: Abercrombie, Lane and Werner
ABSENT: Ms. McCarty and Mr. Pellegrino
ALSO PRESENT: Alan Asikainen, Maguire Group, Inc.
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer
Diane Cuomo, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
 1. Mr. Barrows made a correction to the October 26, 2009, minutes under #3 – fourth paragraph, changing every two years to three years and changing denitrification system to disinfection system.

Mr. Lane made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected above, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. WPCF - Plant Operations - status report (MB/Veolia Water)

Mr. Barrows reported the plant is running extremely well and there were no violations for the month. He advised that in October, the plant had a record-low month for nitrogen discharge adding, if the year were to end now, we would owe \$2,400.00 in credits compared to year-end last year for which we paid \$54,000 in credits.

With regard to the digester project, Mr. Barrows reported that, with the exception of a couple of minor items including landscaping, the project is now complete and should be on line within the next week.

Mr. Barrows then provided a brief overview of the work involved in the digester project. He reported in 2006 a crack in the roof of the main digester was noticed, causing methane gas to escape. Shortly thereafter the seal around the perimeter started to breakdown and collapse which then became a safety concern. (The digesters assist with sludge disposal by reducing the amount of sludge pumped, which creates methane gas.)

He added, the DEP was notified and the Town was advised that the digesters were in need of repair or other options must be considered (which included possible abandonment of the digesters).

Finally in December 2008, after careful consideration, the 12-month project commenced starting with the emptying of the tank of the primary digester. The original cost was estimated to be over \$600,000. Although the final figures are not in, they are estimated to be approximately \$510,000.

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the Commission, added that the plant was built in the 1960s and refurbished/upgraded in the late 1980s at a cost of approximately \$26,000,000. The youngest part of the plant is about 18-years old with the remainder now 40-years old. Therefore, repairs such as the above must be expected and are quite costly.

Mr. Werner advised, in addition, we must also consider repairs and maintenance to the various pump stations throughout the Town.

3. Clarifier Replacement (JB)

Mr. Bodwell reported that, after discussion with M. Barrows, Plant Manager for Veolia, they decided the best approach for replacement/repair to the clarifier would be to put out two bids, one for the purchase of materials and the second for installation. He estimated cost of materials alone would be approximately \$100,000.

Ms. Sheridan made a motion to move forward with the with the clarifier project, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. Section 5 – 22 Culver Lane (Account #1142834/Gorski) (JB) Request to Void Sewer Use Charge for 2008-2009

Mr. Bodwell reported he visited the site and ran the preliminary water usage numbers. He advised, at this point, he cannot recommend an adjustment without proof to substantiate that there is a problem with the flow. Therefore, no action is requested at this time and he will prepare a response advising the owner accordingly.

5. Miscellaneous

None

6. Payment of Bills

Bill Number 1889, Veolia Water North America, in the amount of \$4,793.20. Mr. Lane made the motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Public Comments

On behalf of Ms. McCarty, First Selectman, and in her absence, Mr. Werner advised the members that she enjoyed working with the Water Pollution Control Commission over the past few years and commended them on their faithful service and contributions.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Abercrombie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Sheridan. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.