

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on January 25, 2010, in the conference room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Ms. Sheridan, Messrs.: Abercrombie, Freda, Johnson, Lane,
Pellegrino and Werner

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: 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

Mr. Abercrombie made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2009, meeting, seconded by Mr. Lane.

The Commission voted as follows: Mr. Abercrombie – Yes; Mr. Freda – abstained; Mr. Johnson – abstained; Mr. Lane – Yes; Mr. Sheridan – Yes; Mr. Werner – Yes.

2. WPCA Appointments (First Selectman)

The First Selectman conducted elections of officers for the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Mr. Freda entertained nominations for the position of Chairman.

Mr. Lane made a motion to reappoint Richard Werner to serve as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Freda entertained nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Werner made a motion to reappoint Scott Abercrombie to serve as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Freda entertained nominations for the position of Secretary.

Mr. Werner made a motion to reappoint William Lane as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Freda made a motion to appoint Robert Johnson, Jr. to the vacant position on the Commission. Mr. Werner seconded the nomination referring to Mr. Johnson's resume and his outstanding accomplishments. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

Mr. Barrows advised there were no violations since the last meeting in November. He reported the plant is running well inspite of the high flows due to the significant amount of rain.

With regard to nitrogen discharge, Mr. Barrows reported we did not make our limit for the year. We were slightly over. At last year's rate (\$4.50 per lb.) our cost to purchase nitrogen credits will be \$4,599. Our cost for the previous year was \$54,000.

Mr. Barrows reported the digester project is complete and is on line. The total cost for the digester project is \$505,000. The original estimate was \$600,000.

With regard to the gravity thickener tank/drive (used for sludge storage), the installation was coordinated with the digester project and has since been completed. It was put on line the end of December.

4. WPCF – Digester Gas Compressor (MB/Veolia Water)

Mr. Barrows reported that approximately three months after the primary digester was put back on line, they noticed that one (1) of the two (2) gas compressors (which circulate digested gas) was leaking. After dismantling the pump, it was found to be corroded and in need of replacement. While investigating repair or replacement of the #1 compressor, the second gas compressor failed.

Mr. Barrows presented the following options:

- 1) Purchase replacement parts at a cost of \$5,193.14 with Veolia performing the repairs. However there is a 4 ½ month wait for one of the parts and repairs would not be completed until June 2010.
- 2) Send off site for repairs (not stainless steel) at a cost of \$5,300.00. Repairs would take about three weeks and there would be a two-year warranty.
- 3) Received a quote of \$16,500.00 for a new (stainless steel) compressor.

After reviewing the above options and quotes, the Finance Director and Director of Public Works recommend it would be best to go with the purchase of two new pumps.

Mr. Pellegrino made a motion to put out to bid the purchase of two new compressors, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor.

5. Section I – 25 Bayard Avenue (JB)

Mr. Bodwell presented a request on behalf of the resident for reimbursement of repairs as a result of damage to the sanitary sewer line caused by root intrusion.

Mr. Bodwell referred to the following WPCA Rules and Regulations:

Section 5.21 “ after an owner connects to the Town Sanitary sewer, the service lateral from the house to the wye, including the wye fitting, at the main line then becomes part of the entire house connection and is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Section 5.22 “Any repair which has been caused by the intrusion of roots from a tree(s) on private property into the service/sanitary sewer line shall be the responsibility of the individual who owns the property where the tree is located.

Mr. Bodwell then presented a picture for review which shows that the roots from a tree on Town property invaded the sewer lateral and completely clogged it.

The Commission agrees that since this was caused by a Town tree, the Town should consider reimbursement. However, they feel that the resident should have presented an estimate prior to having the work completed so the Commission could have advised them accordingly.

Pending receipt of a detailed explanation of charges, the Commission agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

6. Section 1 – 104 Homewood Avenue (JB)

Mr. Bodwell advised that the septic system at the above location failed and resident has since connected to the sewer system.

He added that sometime after the original sewers were installed, the roadway was widened but the sewer line was never extended at that time.

Mr. Bodwell presented a detailed bill in the amount of \$2,050.00 covering the cost of the extension only.

Mr. Abercrombie made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$2,050.00 covering Payment Schedule #1890 (Item #9 below), seconded by Ms. Sheridan. The vote was Unanimous in favor.

7. Section 4-7 – 1 Upper State Street (JB)

Mr. Bodwell advised that sewers are not available on Upper State Street.

He reported back in 2005 this account appeared on our list of Type III/commercial accounts. At that time Sewer Use Correction #8568 was issued to “void” this account #063469 /1145811.

In December 2009, while obtaining a building permit, they indicated they had sewers as they have been paying for sewer use since 2006 for a total of \$803.00.

Mr. Abercrombie made a motion for reimbursement in the amount of \$803.00, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. Miscellaneous

For information purposes only, Mr. Bodwell presented a Town of North Haven Outside Police Duty Request with regard to the excavation at 104 Homnewood Avenue (#4 above) in the amount of \$266.71. He advised he will present this bill to Finance for processing and charge the appropriate account accordingly.

9. Payment of Bills

Bill Number 1890, North Haven Sewer Co., Inc., in the amount of \$2,050.00.
(See Item #6 above for approvals.)

Bill Number 1891, First Light Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$6,500.00 –
Mr. Lane made the motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie.
The vote was unanimous in favor.

10. Public Comments

None

11. Adjournment

Mr. Abercrombie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.