

Approved Minutes

Minutes of meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on November 24, 2014, in the Conference Room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Ms. Sheridan, Messrs.: Johnson, Lane, Pellegrino and Werner
ABSENT: Messrs. Abercrombie and Freda
ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Diane Cuomo, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Pellegrino motioned to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014, meeting, Mr. Lane seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

Mr. Barrows reported the plant is running very well and there were no problems or violations to report. He advised nitrogen is down and, if the year were to end now, we would have to buy \$5500 in credits. He also updated the Commission on the SCADA project.

Mr. Barrows presented a list of five-year prioritized capital equipment requests for the WPCF and pump stations to the Commission for their review. It included a brief description of each project, an estimated cost and projected completion date. This was requested for the purpose of monitoring expenses which will affect the sewer use charges moving forward. The Finance Director suggested an update be prepared quarterly for presentation to the Commission.

3. Subdivision of 44 and 54 Pond Hill Road – Proposed Sewer Connection (JB)

Tom Daly, Milone & MacBroom, presented a proposal for a five-lot subdivision. The property currently has two residential homes, one connected to the Town of North Haven and one on a septic system. The subdivision proposes to abandon the septic system for the existing house with a new lateral connected to the existing manhole on Pond Hill Road. The plan shows grinder pumps for the three additional lots with a low-pressure force main discharging to the existing sewer main on Pond Hill.

Mr. Pellegrino motioned to accept the above with the condition that a connection fee in the amount of \$2,000 per unit will be due. Ms. Sheridan seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. 500 Middletown Avenue / Lexington Gardens – Status Report

Mr. Pellegrino recused himself.

Tom Daily, Milone & MacBroom, advised the project was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission last month.

The proposal as approved is for 76 single-family detached units. The entire sewer system will be privately owned and will be built to the Town's standards. The site has been designed with an 8" gravity line connecting to Great Meadow Road.

The interior roads will be private and there will be a homeowner's association.

Mr. Lane motioned to approve the above proposal with the condition that a connection fee in the amount of \$2,000 per unit will be due. Ms. Sheridan seconded. The Commission voted as follows: Ms. Sheridan – yes; Mr. Lane – yes; Mr. Werner- yes; Mr. Johnson – abstained.

Mr. Pellegrino returned to the meeting.

5. Miscellaneous

- a) Mr. Bodwell advised it has come to his attention that in 1998 the property located at 30 Leonardo Drive connected to the sewer system. The connection was inspected and approved at that time but inadvertently has never been charged for sewer use.

In 2012, a sewer permit was issued for a second building on that property to connect into the same line. That connection has also been inspected and approved. However, to date, a Certificate of Occupancy has not been issued for the new building. (A new account is created/added to sewer use when a Certificate of Occupancy is issued.) Therefore, 30 Leonardo Drive has still not been added to sewer use.

Since the Regional Water report shows there has been a flow, Mr. Bodwell asked for permission to back bill this account for the past three years.

Mr. Pellegrino motioned to add to sewer use and backbill this account for the past three years. Mr. Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- b) F.O.G. - The Breakfast Nook, 448 Washington Avenue

Mr. Bodwell reported that on November 24, 2014, they paid \$450.00 for this year's fees but still owe \$900.00 in fees/penalties from last year.

He added the Commission of DEEP has been asked to assist us in advising them, unless they comply with our rules and regulations, they will not be able to remain open. Quinnipiack Valley Health also agrees that when they are due for renewal (in December) they will not process the renewal.

The Commission directed Mr. Bodwell not to sign off on their permit until remainder of balance is paid.

c) The Commission thanked Diane Cuomo for her ten years of service as clerk to the WPCA and expressed their best wishes on her upcoming retirement.

6. Payment of Bills
None

7. Public Comments
None

8. Adjournment

Ms. Sheridan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.