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Regular Meeting Minutes
Water Pollution Control Authority
October 23, 2014

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ATTENDEES:
E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, and Ralph Zahner. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Interim Director; Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA Administrator; and Kevin Santini, EKE Construction LLC

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

MINUTES OF WPCA MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2014
Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority held on September 25, 2014 as presented. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Anderson abstaining.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER THE CONNECTION OF 1116 HARTFORD TURNPIKE (SANTINI) TO THE SANITARY SEWER
Mr. Santini presented background information including site details and the location of the sewer lateral. Mr. Grasis presented a draft of the Developer's Permit Application for consideration by the Authority and said that the sewers will remain private. Mr. Santini answered questions about the specific location of the units. Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mrs. Landry moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves a plan of development for 254 housing units located at 1108 and 1116 Hartford Turnpike and authorizes the Water Pollution Control Interim Director to enter into a Developer's Permit Agreement with the applicant. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

WASTE TREATMENT PLANT REPORT
Mr. Grasis reported that the plant is running well and chlorine season ended on October 1st. He said that flows as well as septage are down and that Simonz has transported approximately 3,000 gallons of waste per week. Mr. Grasis updated the Authority relative to the status of Skip's/Wastewater Services pretreatment building in Tolland and that partial septage loads from Skip's/Wastewater Services stopped coming to the treatment plant last week and all of their septage loads are being trucked to MDC in Hartford. A discussion took place relative to the pretreatment building in Tolland, possible permits required by the DEEP, and the Inter-town Agreement. Mr. Grasis updated the Authority on the following projects at the treatment plant including: the Talcottville generator water pump was ordered; a loose connection on the transformer has been repaired; the upper bearing on the #1 screw pump has a leaking seal and will take three to four weeks to get a replacement overhauled. Also, the collection system staff is almost finished with the replacement of manhole frames and covers relative to the road bond project; about 100 feet of the West Street Siphon will be video recorded to check the crown on the pipe and because there was a backup on Prospect Street, that line will be video recorded

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as well; and Cornell is investigating the problems with the two pumps that were installed at the Phoenix Street pump station last year. Mr. Grasis reported that a GIS contractor will be available to update the sewer maps for the collection system needs, especially for the Call Before You Dig requests and all work requests for the GIS contractor need to go through the Planning Department. Mr. Grasis said that the approximate cost for just the GIS software, with support for one year, is approximately $3000 which would be paid for from the Collection System budget. Six of seven candidates for the position of Director, WPC were interviewed today, Mr. Weaver said. Three of those candidates will be recommended to the mayor for review and the final candidate will be presented to the Town Council, possibly for the first meeting of December Mr. Weaver said. Mr. Grasis stated that the Business office staff for the WPCA are doing an excellent job and mentioned Rosanna Reynolds and Lisa Yost specifically. A discussion took place regarding the Town Charter, the Collection System Fund, the Enterprise Fund and the 1970's Clean Water Act. Regarding the FOG program, Mr. Grasis reported that Glenn LaConche, the Town's new Building Official will be willing to assist with compliance issues and travel with Gary Leavitt, FOG Program Coordinator, to any food preparation establishments if necessary. Mr. Grasis stated that he believed a Certificate of Occupancy can be held up for FOG non-compliance, but not a building permit. Mr. Weaver said that according to the Department of Public Health, Wastewater Treatment Plant laboratories do not have to be state certified - only if the lab is doing contract work. Mr. Zahner expressed concern about the personnel that have left the Collection System unit, especially Morgan Strong and the soon to be retired Peter Dureiko. Mr. Weaver agreed with Mr. Zahner and explained that the Town of Vernon is not unique in this situation; Mr. Dureiko has a partner and his position will be filled.

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Yost

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Secretary