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MINUTES
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
January 22, 2015

Attendees: E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, and Ralph Zahner. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Interim Director and Tim Webb, Town of Ellington WPCA

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CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2014
Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the December 11, 2014 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

LOOM CITY LOFTS – 225 EAST MAIN STREET
Mr. Grasis provided background information and informed the Authority that Mr. Joseph Vallone would not be attending the meeting due to illness. Mr. Grasis said that Mr. Vallone would like to attend next month's meeting to discuss renovations and waiving sewer connection fees relative to 225 East Main Street. Chairman Weaver said that historically the Authority has not waived sewer connection fees; the fees are their monetary input for the maintenance of the collection system which is available for them to use. Mr. Anderson said this is standard procedure for anyone in town.

SKIP'S/WASTEWATER SERVICES UPDATE
Mr. Grasis reported that the manhole located on Tolland Avenue has been monitored for the past several weeks; samples have been taken and analyzed as well. The BOD and total suspended solids analysis are consistent with septic discharge Mr. Grasis, said and that Skip's/Wastewater Services has discharged septage today. Vernon Town Attorney Vincent Purnhagen said that the Town is in a position to stop the discharge which is a violation of the Intertown Agreement between Tolland and Vernon and a permit is needed from the DEEP. Mr. Grasis said that at a meeting between Skip's/Wastewater Services' Attorney, Tolland's Town Attorney and Mr. Purnhagen, the discussion centered around whether or not the Town of Tolland or Skip's/Wastewater Services needs a wastewater discharge permit from the DEEP. Mr. Purnhagen told Mr. Grasis that Skip's/Wastewater Services' attorney would advise his client to stop; Tolland's position is that they need proof that a permit is needed and/or whether the permit is unobtainable. Mr. Grasis contacted the DEEP after that meeting and the DEEP representative said that their attorney may have to be involved as well. The Authority expressed concern about the detrimental impact of the discharge on the collection system. Mr. Grasis said that he has updated Administration regarding this issue. The DEEP visited Skip's/Wastewater Services' facility on January 21st Mr. Grasis reported. Mr. Zahner expressed concern about the sewer pipes and how this discharge would affect it. A discussion took place regarding a cease and desist order. It was the consensus of the Authority to have Mr. Grasis ask Mr. Purnhagen about the cost of a cease and desist order. The BOD and suspended solids levels

violate the Intertown Agreement Mr. Grasis said. It was the consensus of the Authority to have Chairman Weaver contact Town Administration regarding this matter. Mrs. Landry asked if the Authority can recoup any lost revenue; the Authority agreed that this should be investigated.

FOG PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Grasis updated the Authority relative to the food establishments in town and reported that 13 establishments have not submitted their registration forms. It was the consensus of the Authority to have Mr. Grasis send a letter to the 13 establishments informing them that they are close to non-compliance and will be fined. Chairman Weaver said that he is pleased to see that there are so few left compared to the last update.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Grasis presented a monthly summary for the treatment facility and compared information from last year which included: flows are the same as last year; trucked sludge is lower this year possibly from the decrease in septage loads; kilowatt hours are down; natural gas is up slightly and septage gallons are about 500,000 gallons less than last year. The new boilers in the pretreatment building are working fine, he said, and the gas line running from the street to the building was replaced at a significant cost reduction. Chairman Weaver thanked Mrs. Landry for her assistance with the information she provided for the gas line installation. Interviews were conducted for the Collection System Foreman position Mr. Grasis said. Mr. Grasis reported that he met with the DEEP's Operator Certification Coordinator, Craig Motasky, regarding Direct Responsible Charge time. Second shift operator, John Austin, will be retiring at the end of the month and his job has been posted internally, Mr. Grasis reported.

TALCOTTVILLE PUMP STATION GENERATOR REPAIR UPDATE

Mr. Grasis reported that the old water pump cannot be rebuilt or repaired because the parts are no longer available, according to Tower Generator. Tower Generator suggested retrofitting a new water pump to the existing generator Mr. Grasis said. A new generator would cost about $103,000 and he has obtained a quote to get specifications for a replacement generator. Mr. Grasis explained that the current generator is designed to run all three pumps simultaneously; it may be oversized because two pumps have never been used at the same time. He will check to see if the current sized generator is required by regulations.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Chairman Weaver informed the Authority of Proposed Bill No. 5519 before the State of Connecticut's General Assembly for the purpose of preventing sewer authorities from charging sewer use charges for summer water use. He explained that the proposed bill would require that summer use charges be based on the average sewer use of the remaining three quarters.

Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Anderson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority schedule a Special Meeting on February 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. to review proposed budgets. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Yost

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