



TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Water Pollution Control Authority
March 26, 2015

Attendees: E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Director; DJ Lupacchino, Collection System Foreman and Tim Webb, Town of Ellington WPCA

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2015

Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the February 26, 2015 Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

COLLECTION SYSTEM UPDATE

Mr. Lupacchino reported that he is working with Mr. Grasis and Collection System Technician Jeff Carlson on a general outline for standard operating procedures for each pump station. He has been working with utility providers so the pump stations can run properly in the event of a power loss or alarm notifications. Mr. Lupacchino said that he has been in contact with Tower Generator regarding fuel tank and portable fuel tank capacities relative to generator run times. Other updates Mr. Lupacchino said he is working on included road by-pass/by-pass pumps; development of a critical flushing area; documenting sewer easements; filing pump station and collection system documents.

SKIP'S/WASTEWATER SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Grasis reported that since the last WPCA meeting, Town Administrator John Ward and Tolland Town Manager Steve Werbner met and it was decided to have the respective Town Attorneys contact each other. Mr. Grasis said that he has contacted Tolland several times to get the flow data for billing purposes, and a listing of where the loads were originating from. He said he did receive the flow data last Friday but did not receive the information regarding the loads. On March 17th, Mr. Grasis reported that he met with Mr. Ward, Vernon Town Attorney Hal Cummings, and Tolland Town Attorney Richard Conti. Mr. Conti stated Tolland didn't want to violate the inter-town agreement Mr. Grasis said, but he needed some scientific information whether or not Tolland is exceeding their limit for total suspended solids, BOD, and whether the level of hydrogen sulfide is an issue in the collection system. Mr. Grasis presented his analysis and calculations for BOD and Total Suspended Solids concentration based on the flow from 40 Tolland Stage Road to the Authority. Based on these calculations, for just this one discharge, Tolland is in danger of violating the inter-town agreement Mr. Grasis said. Mr. Grasis said that these are rough calculations because they don't include holidays, weekends and the discharge did not begin until October 6th. If the additional days were included, it would make the

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concentration heavier. Volume will only increase Mr. Grasis said, and Skip's/Wastewater Services projected 9 million gallons of discharge annually in their proposal to Tolland. Mr. Grasis presented billing and revenue calculations to the Authority. He recommended charging Tolland at the septage rate because septage is being discharged at 40 Tolland Stage Road and said that Vernon's Town Attorney concurs. Mr. Weaver expressed concern about the increase in discharge and the origin of the discharge; it should be waste originating in Tolland. Discussion took place about rates and fees relative to violating BOD/TSS limits; the lack of involvement by the DEEP; the length of time this discharge has been going on and a cease and desist order. Mr. Lupacchino said that he is going to camera the clay line that ties into the PVC pipe by Roosevelt Mills up to the manhole on the Tolland line. This will help determine whether or not there is premature damage to the clay line due to the hydrogen sulfide. Chairman Weaver said that an option would be to bring it before the Town Council and make it a public issue. He asked Mr. Grasis to speak with Mr. Ward to see if there is another strategy, whether it is through the Town Council or publically, to get more information out to the public regarding this matter.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Grasis said that the plant is running well. Mr. Grasis updated the Authority relative to: budget presentations to the Town Council; a representative from the DEEP toured the plant and will be working on the draft permit which will include compliant steps; the RFQ for Quality Based Services; Clean Water Fund documents were submitted by Finance Officer Jim Luddecke; FOG Program Coordinator Gary Leavitt will attend next month's meeting. Also, the Number 1 screw pump is not working because of damage to the lower bearing but it will be repaired quickly Mr. Grasis said. Plant Foreman Dan Stachowiak found some used valves for the sand filters and after servicing, the filters will be able to run automatically; the only cost would be for labor. Research is being conducted regarding a new billing system for sewer use bills and Plant Mechanic Jeff Maliga has completed one year of perfect attendance.

REVIEW OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Mr. Grasis presented the job descriptions for the Assistant Director of Water Pollution Control and Finance Analyst. Relative to the Finance Analyst, Chairman Weaver expressed concern because there is nothing in the job description about the supervision received from the WPC department; the dual purposes under one individual especially for the future; and when working on WPCA matters it should be noted that the position is autonomous. Mr. Anderson said that he is concerned that at times, the Authority's position is different from the Finance Department's position on certain issues. Chairman Weaver said that he would send an email to the Authority and upon approval from the members, to Mr. Ward relaying the Authority's concerns about this position.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Chairman Weaver welcomed Mr. Lupacchino and wished him luck on all of his projects.

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost, Secretary, WPC