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Regular Meeting Minutes
Water Pollution Control Authority

ATTENDEES: E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Director; Steve Boske, Assistant Director; John Ward, Town Administrator; Charlie Bardes and Maureen Hevey, Quail Hollow III Condominium Association

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
Charlie Bardes, Quail Hollow III Condominium Association President, 79 Meadowview Lane: Mr. Bardes said that 95% of the water used at the clubhouse is used for the irrigation system and asked the Authority about an alternate approach to calculating the sewer user charges. Chairman Weaver said that the Authority has faced this issue in the past and it has not been resolved. He suggested contacting the Connecticut Water Company for a possible remedy.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2015
Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner motioned that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the May 28, 2015 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT
Mr. Boske reported that the treatment plant is on track for the summer months. Mr. Grasis reported that: Ken Boynton signed a developer's agreement today for 263 South Street; Joe Vallone paid the connection fees for the Loom City Lofts project; proposed legislation for phosphorus did not pass, therefore the limit for phosphorus removal grant funds will remain the same; the DEEP conducted a compliance inspection at the plant on June 10th; letters were sent to approximately 12 homeowners on Campbell Avenue regarding the disposal of paints and solvents into the sanitary sewer; and the lower bearing oiler on the #1 screw pump is now functional. Regarding personnel, Mr. Grasis reported that Dj Lupacchino has completed five years of perfect attendance and Chairman Weaver said to thank him and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Lupacchino's dedication. Also, one Operator in Training received his Class 1 certificate this month and a second Operator in Training will receive his Class 1 certificate in July; three employees received their Class II Collections System certification. Mr. Anderson suggested that those six employees be recognized with a pizza party and the Authority agreed. Mr. Grasis reported that the alarm controls on the influent screw pumps are being updated. A discussion took place relative to an I/I study and the Request for Qualifications for the treatment plant upgrade. Chairman Weaver asked that the I/I study be put on next month's agenda for discussion.

FOG UPDATE
Mr. Grasis said that there is nothing to report regarding the new general permit which is under review by the DEEP for Fats, Oil and Grease. He is still waiting for a response from the DEEP regarding comments that were submitted by him and FOG Program Coordinator Gary Leavitt. Also, three Notice of Violation letters were sent

out over a month ago and only one food preparation establishment (FPE) has responded. Mr. Leavitt is inspecting grease traps that have been registered by an FPE Mr. Grasis reported.

REVISION OF REGULATION ONE

Mr. Grasis presented a draft fee schedule associated with the FOG program that he and Mr. Leavitt compiled. Mr. Grasis said that he and Mr. Leavitt will be meeting next week with Town Attorney Martin Burke regarding recourse for violations and strengthening the language in Regulation One. A discussion took place about fines for external grease traps. Mr. Grasis said that when reviewing the regulations, the Authority should consider clarifying the function of the town engineer, versus the Authority and the Water Pollution Control Director.

TRI-TOWN PURCHASE OF CAMERA TRUCK – VERNON/ELLINGTON/STAFFORD

Mr. Grasis presented information relative to applying for a grant for the purchase of a sewer camera truck to be shared with the Towns of Stafford Springs and Ellington. This grant would pay upwards of 50% of the cost of the camera truck. He explained that Vernon would be the lead municipality in the grant application process, which means that the camera would be housed at the treatment plant so all three towns could access it in case of an emergency because the plant is open 24 hours. Details will be worked out with the other towns relative to disbursing of yearly expenses, damage, maintenance and schedules for its use he said. It would be cost effective as well, Mr. Grasis said, and the grant application deadline is October 1, 2015. It was the consensus of the Authority to move forward with the grant application.

REVIEW OF SEWER USER ACCOUNT #3990

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes the WPCA Accountant to place Sewer User Account #3990 into a suspense account and to prorate the month of March in the first billing cycle of 2015. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SKIP'S/WASTEWATER SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Skip's/Wastewater Services and to invite WPC Director Robert Grasis, Assistant Director Steve Boske, Town Administrator John Ward and Secretary Lisa Yost to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). No action was taken on this item.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

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 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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