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Regular Meeting Minutes
Water Pollution Control Authority
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Attendees: E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Director; Steve Boske, Assistant Director Appointee; DJ Lupacchino, Collection System Foreman; Gary Leavitt, FOG Program Coordinator; Tim Webb, Town of Ellington WPCA and Ken Boynton, Woodland Place, LLC

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26, 2015
Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the March 26, 2015 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

REQUEST TO CONSIDER THE CONNECTION OF WOODLAND PLACE SUBDIVISION – 263 SOUTH STREET TO SANITARY SEWER
Mr. Boynton presented plans for the sewer connection as well as details for a residential 10 lot subdivision located at 263 South Street. Mr. Boynton said that he is 90% sure that duplexes will be built on some of the lots. He said that he would establish an association if duplexes are built and sewer laterals could be addressed in the association documents. Discussion took place regarding the installation of Y connections versus single laterals relative to the duplexes; Chairman Weaver said that he would prefer to have single laterals installed. Discussion took place regarding a deferred assessment on the property. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves a plan of development for a 10 lot residential subdivision located at 263 South Street and authorizes the Water Pollution Control Director to enter into a Developers Permit Agreement with the application contingent on the resolution of the outstanding assessment. Mr. Anderson amended the motion to add "the responsibility of the lateral from the street to prospective duplexes will become the responsibility of the association to be formed". Mr. Tedford seconded the amended motion and it passed unanimously (5-0-0).

FOG UPDATE
Mr. Leavitt presented an update on the Fats, Oils and Grease compliance program for the town and possible changes by the DEEP in the permit relative to passive grease traps. Of the approximate 85 food establishments in town, about ten are still in the process of registering grease traps and about nine still have to complete the registration process. He recommended waiting another month or two before proposing a fee schedule and in what manner those fees would be collected for those establishments which have not complied with the regulations.

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SKIP'S/WASTEWATER SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Grasis presented a timeline of events since the last WPC Authority meeting. He said that hydrogen sulfide meters were installed and monitored on Tolland Stage Road; a video inspection was conducted on Tolland Stage Road as well. He reported that Tolland sent a check for sewer use fees which included charges for septage disposal from Skip's/Wastewater Services, and because Tolland said that it was sent in error, a stop payment was issued on that check by Tolland. Don Gonyea of the CT DEEP is working on scheduling a meeting with DEEP managers regarding this issue and Mr. Grasis will attend. Mr. Grasis referenced email correspondence from Town Attorney Hal Cummings relative to hydrogen sulfide damage to the collection system by Skip's/Wastewater Services discharge and Tolland's response to BOD/TSS calculations. Mr. Grasis presented the results of the hydrogen sulfide meters located at the Tolland/Vernon town line and 1100 feet downstream; the hydrogen sulfide levels were at or above the maximum limit. The meters have since been installed on Hyde Avenue. Mr. Grasis provided the Authority with the DEP Inspection results of Skip's/Wastewater Services facility. Mr. Lupacchino and Mr. Grasis presented the results, and answered questions from the Authority regarding the video inspection of Tolland Stage Road and the intersections of Kingsbury Avenue and East Main Street. Chairman Weaver asked Mr. Grasis to notify Tolland regarding the deposits, solids, sludge and grit that was seen in the sewer line located approximately 160 feet upstream from the Tolland/Vernon town line. Mr. Zahner asked about the status of the Cease and Desist Order and Mr. Grasis said that Mr. Cummings wants to mediate this situation. Mr. Anderson asked if the opinions of the mediator can be used in court if a Cease and Desist order is implemented. The authority expressed concern that Skip's/Wastewater septage is coming from towns other than Tolland and that other septage haulers will use that facility as well.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Grasis presented the treatment plant summary for March. He reported that higher ammonia levels were due to over the road waste and higher nitrogen levels were due to the cold weather. Mr. Grasis also reported that: two Public Works employees will be starting as Operators-in-Training; the sand filters are working well; the #1 screw pump lower bearings were reinstalled; both the hypochloride and bisulfate tanks are online; and the underground storage tanks passed inspection. Also, an oil bearing motor for the #1 screw pump is being rehabilitated. The two remaining motors will need to be checked Mr. Grasis said, and the purchase of a new software system to run those motors should be considered. Mr. Grasis reported that the DEEP inspected the plant on April 6th.

REQUEST FOR STAFFING APPROVALS

Chairman Weaver introduced Mr. Boske to the Authority and said that Mr. Boske has worked at the treatment plant for 25 years. Mr. Grasis said that he is a very valuable employee to the treatment plant, especially for the PAC process and more importantly operationally. Mr. Boske developed a computer system program for which he was awarded the Peloquin Award in 1999 Mr. Grasis said. The program tracks all of the treatment plant data which is subsequently submitted to the state. Mr. Boske answered questions from the Authority. Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson, motioned that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the appointment of Steve Boske to the position of Assistant Director of the Water Pollution Control Department. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). No action was taken on the agenda item regarding the Finance Analyst, Finance/Administration position.

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ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS
None.

ADJOURN
Mr. Grasis spoke to Informational Items relative to An Act Concerning Reimbursement for Municipal Phosphorus Abatement Project and a Billing System Cost Comparison. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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