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Regular Meeting Minutes WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY August 24, 2017

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control, Matt Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control and Timothy Webb, Ellington WPCA

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 July 27, 2017

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the July 27, 2017 Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed (3-0-2) with Mrs. Landry and Mr. Zahner abstaining.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis referenced a letter dated August 1st from DEEP to Mayor Champagne which states that the Facility Plan has been approved by DEEP. Field work relative to the I/I study, which is part of the facilities plan, should be completed next month Mr. Grasis reported. Mr. Zahner expressed concern about missing deadlines and where funds would come from if there has to be multiple referendums; a discussion took place. Mr. Grasis explained that a November 2018 referendum would have the total cost of the upgrade better defined. Chairman Weaver explained that the Town's reserve fund would cover such costs. Mr. Grasis referenced another letter from DEEP to Mayor Champagne dated August 2nd regarding the approval by DEEP of an Engineering Agreement (Amendment No.3) between Tighe & Bond and the Town of Vernon. The cost of the agreement is \$4,636,022, all of which is eligible for reimbursement from the Clean Water Fund, Mr. Grasis said. On August 23rd there was an engineering design committee kick-off meeting. The committee will meet monthly and provide monthly progress reports, Mr. Grasis said. Chairman Weaver asked Mr. Grasis to find out if anyone from Administration will attend the meetings.

DISCUSSION OF REQUEST BY TOWN OF ELLINGTON FOR ADDITIONAL FLOW ALLOCATION

Mr. Grasis explained that the Town of Ellington is requesting additional flow allocation which would bring the current percentage up from 19.7% (1.4 MGD) to 20% (1.42 MGD), which is approximately 200,000 gallons. It was the consensus of the Authority to have Mr. Grasis forward the request to the Town Attorney to draft an amendment to the Inter-town Agreement between the towns of Vernon and Ellington.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER USER RATES

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority adopts a schedule of sewer user charges as heard at a Public Hearing held on August 24, 2017 for the last three months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and payable on October 15, 2018, January 15, 2018, April 15, 2018 and July 15, 2018. Mr. Daskal explained the changes relative to billing multi-unit buildings and answered questions from the Authority. A discussion took place about the installation of individual water meters when apartments are converted to condominiums. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske said that the plant is running very well; the percentage of suspended solids removal is 99.4% which is the same as last year at this time; nitrogen and phosphorus removal percentages are elevated compared to last July and natural gas consumption is higher because of the use of the regen units. Regarding current activities, Mr. Grasis reported that an inspection by DEEP at the treatment facility on August 9th went well; the lateral rehabilitation was completed and the connection fee has been paid for the Talcottville Mill; the expansion of Scranton Motors relative to septic vs. sewer will be presented at the next meeting; and sewer manholes from Wilshire Road to Union Street on Route 83 have been marked in anticipation of next week's road milling. It was the consensus of the Authority to have both Mr. Grasis and Chairman Weaver attend the WEFTEC Conference in Chicago, and funds will be used from the contingency account to cover the cost. A discussion took place as to why Tighe & Bond will not cover the cost as it was their recommendation that Mr. Grasis attend.

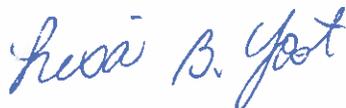
DISCUSSION OF SEWER USE BILLING FOR 25 TERRACE DRIVE

Mr. Daskal provided background on this item. Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Zahner, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority adjust sewer usage billing for account #4707 to reflect two commercial units, and that prior billings be corrected and adjusted from April 15, 2014 to present. Should a Sewer Connection Permit be obtained to alter the property, billing is to be adjusted to reflect said change in usage. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control