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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Wastewater Treatment Plant April 29, 2017

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public. Chairman Weaver noted that a WPCA Upgrade Design-Build Committee has been formed. The committee members are John Ward, James Luddecke, Robert Kleinhans, David Smith, Rob Grasis and Steve Boske. Mr. Anderson asked about the purpose of the committee; is the WPCA involved anymore? Mr. Anderson stated that he does not like the idea of a committee that has been formed to make all the decisions. A discussion took place. Mr. Zahner agreed with Mr. Anderson; the Authority should make the final decisions. Mr. Grasis said that this question should be posed to the committee and he will do so.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 23, 2017

Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the March 23, 2017 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

REVIEW OF SEWER USER ACCOUNTS #5629, #3531 AND #2758 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEWER USAGE TAX SALE EXTINGUISHMENT

Mr. Daskal provided background information on this item. Chairman Weaver asked if any of the sewer use fees were received; Mr. Daskal said that no fees were received for Accounts #5629 & #3531 and \$202.45 was received for Account #2758. Mr. Anderson asked for the balances due and who on the Town's side has the authority to give away /right off sewer user fees? Mr. Daskal said that he would provide that information at the next meeting and the specific process of tax sales. Mr. Anderson said that his interest is in protecting the people that pay the user fees; the fees in the settlement should have been distributed to the WPCA. The Authority agreed with Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner, moved to table the recommended motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

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EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR – SOUTH STREET AND VERNON AVENUE

Mr. Grasis referenced a proposal from VMS Construction for the removal and replacement of an existing brick five-way sanitary manhole located at the intersection of South Street and Vernon Avenue. He explained that it is an emergency repair because the Department of Public Works is going to pave that intersection next week.

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion that the WPCA asks to waive the bid requirements and approves the manhole structure replacement work on South Street from VMS Construction Company, Vernon, CT in accordance with their proposal dated April 28, 2017 in the amount of \$12,385 and funds for said purpose will come from the sewer connection account. Mr. Zahner wanted to clarify that the location of the repair is at the intersection of Vernon Avenue and South Street. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

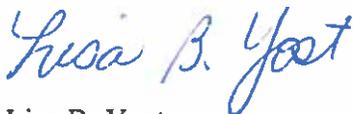
PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the water quality is better than last year at this time; septage is up due to the warmer winter and mild spring season. Mr. Anderson asked if replacing the dump truck with a dumpster in the pre-treatment building would be considered; would it be more cost efficient? He said that a council member inquired about that during the facility tour and Mr. Grasis said that option is being considered. Regarding current activities, Mr. Grasis reported that a draft of Chapters 7 & 8 of the facilities plan has been given to DEEP and a public hearing is required regarding the facilities plan. A discussion took place relative to the place and time of the public hearing. Also, the #3 screw motor pump has been replaced; the #1 WAS pump is still being retrofitted; the #1 primary thickener sludge pump has been repaired; the buried manholes on Route 83 will be cut out next week; the van for the camera truck is in Pennsylvania and it will take approximately three weeks to install the camera equipment. A discussion took place regarding the operation and schedule for the truck. Mr. Grasis also reported that plans for the purchase of new sewer billing software is being finalized and he should have an update for the Authority at the next meeting. A further discussion took place regarding the public hearing for the facilities plan. The Authority asked Mr. Grasis to find out who is responsible to have the public hearing. Mr. Anderson congratulated the staff regarding the presentation and walk-through and said that he was disappointed more of the town council members did not show up.

ADJOURN

Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost

Secretary, Water Pollution Control