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MINUTES  
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN COUNCIL/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
Town Hall, Memorial Building 14 Park Place – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers  
December 4, 2018

WPCA Attendees:

Chairman E. Ray Weaver and John Anderson (present); Andrew Tedford (via telephone at 7:43 p.m.); Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst

Mayor/Town Council Attendees:

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Council Members: Steve Wakefield, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Mike Wendus, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Steve Peterson, Ann Letendre, Jim Tedford, Pauline Schaeffer, and Ralph Zahner.

Also Present:

Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Vice President Tighe & Bond Steve Seigal, Executive Assistant Diane Wheelock and Recording Secretaries Cassandra Minor and Lisa Yost

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Champagne and Chairman Weaver called the public hearing to order at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Minor read an abbreviated version of the legal notice into the record. Mr. Grasis presented a brief overview of the Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade. Mr. Grasis, other town staff, and Chairman Weaver answered questions from the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments and questions were received from the Town Council.

Carl Schaeffer, 1A Fox Hill Drive:

Mr. Schaeffer stated that the Town has not been promoting this project and information should have been provided a year ago. He expressed concern for senior citizens who are on fixed incomes; flyers should have been sent out. Mr. Schaeffer asked if there is another plan if the referendum fails and what if the bids come in higher. The pictures from the slideshow of a river are misleading – it should have been noted that the pictures are not of the Hockanum River. Mr. Schaeffer asked what is replacing the carbon system and how is phosphorus going to be removed.

Yvonne Hall, CT DEEP, Project Engineer for the upgrade:

Ms. Hall stated that she is available to answer questions. She said that this is a very important project and if the referendum fails and the town is unable to meet its phosphorus limit, the DEEP does not have to wait for the limit to be violated. The DEEP will refer this to the Attorney General's office because the town has a history of non-compliance. She does not want to see the town go to court and pay fines, and still have to go forward with this project with less money.

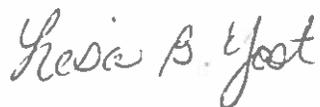
Michael Winkler, 20 Gottier Drive:

Mr. Winkler asked Ms. Hall whether these limits come from the state, or the federal clean water act; where did these standards originate from.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Champagne and Chairman Weaver closed the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost

Secretary, Water Pollution Control