



TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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APPROVED

MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

June 27, 2019

Wastewater Treatment Plant

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

John Anderson, Ken Boynton, Carina Hart, Kevin Kearney and Andrew Tedford (arrived 7:34 p.m.). Also present: Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; Gary Leavitt, F.O.G. Coordinator; Vincent Purnhagen, Town Attorney; Steve Seigal, Vice President, Tighe & Bond; Attorney Dorian R. Famiglietti, Kahan Kerensky & Capossela; Gerry Gallo, Economy Oil; Jeff Polhemus and Evan Harbinson, Skips/Wastewater Services; Kathy Gliha, Sean Gliha and Kim Gliha, Garden Barn

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Grasis asked to add Item 4b to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 23, 2019

Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kearney, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the May 23, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ECONOMY OIL CAR WASH, 56 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD

Attorney Famiglietti spoke to an International Carwash Association report relative to water use, evaporation and carryout. Attorney Famiglietti and Mr. Gallo answered questions from the Authority regarding the construction and operation of a carwash at 56 Talcottville Road. Attorney Famiglietti asked the Authority to consider a reduction in sewer use fees because not all of the water will be discharged into the sewer. Chairman Anderson explained that historically, the Authority has refrained from deviating from the Connecticut Water Company's consumption because it sets a precedent. He said that the Authority would take the request under advisement.

DISCUSSION OF SEWER CONNECTION VS. SEPTIC REPAIR AT 212 WEST STREET

Mr. Grasis explained that the property is located in the sewer service area, therefore it must be connected to the sanitary sewer since the septic system is failing. Mr. Grasis explained the connection cost to Mrs. Gliha because she had expressed concern about the excessive amount. Mr. Tedford, seconded by Ms. Hart, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes the connection of 228 West Street to the existing force main located on 212 West Street and to the Vernon sanitary sewer system, pending submission of detailed plans and specifications showing said connection for review and approval, the execution of a Developer's Agreement between the owner, Kathy Gliha of the Garden Barn and the Water Pollution Control Authority, with the understanding that a sewer easement will be obtained to preserve the right for sewer access from 228 West Street through 212 West Street prior to

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connection. It was the consensus of the Authority to amend the motion and to replace Kathy Gliha with Sean Gliha and Kim Gliha. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously (5-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Seigal reported that the construction contract for the upgrade was awarded to Methuen Construction Company, Inc. and a preconstruction meeting took place on June 26th. Mr. Seigal provided the meeting agenda to the Authority and said that Methuen is making a strong effort to satisfy the contract documents. He said that a detailed construction schedule will be provided to the Authority and the on-site project representative will be attending WPCA meetings once construction begins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TOLLAND LITIGATION

Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) and (D) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss litigation regarding Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority V Tolland WPCA and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control, Vincent Purnhagen, Vernon Town Attorney, and any other persons the Water Pollution Control Authority deems appropriate to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Boynton, made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority exited Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

MOTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Limited Release as presented, and proposed changes to the Inter-Municipal Agreement with respect to litigation between the Town of Tolland and the Town of Vernon. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION - ACCOUNT #5215

Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) and (D) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss Sewer User Account #5215 and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control, and any other persons the Water Pollution Control Authority deems appropriate to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kearney made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority exited Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske said that the plant is running well. On May 28TH there was a pH effluent violation and the drop in pH was reported to DEEP he said. Regarding current activities, Mr. Grasis reported that he is a member of the Risk Advisory Committee, and a plant tour was conducted at the last meeting. Also, refunds are being processed for the two sewer user accounts that were not connected to sewer; transported waste from Simonize will be coming this week; two employees attended DPW rigging training class; Dj Lupacchino achieved 9 years perfect attendance and Jeff Carlson has achieved 1 year of perfect attendance; a water main break was detected at the plant on Memorial Day which was repaired

by VMS Construction; and preventative maintenance was performed on the North Generator. Also, the current security services vendor decided not to renew their contract so a new security contractor has to be secured; personnel assisted the Parks and Recreation department with the removal of roots from the Horowitz pool drain line; and Eversource crushed and subsequently repaired a sewer lateral at a residence on Skinner Road when a new gas line was installed.

F.O.G. AND MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL PERMIT UPDATE

Mr. Leavitt provided a list of proposed fees associated with the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) program. He also updated the Authority regarding the Proposed General Permit and how DEEP wants to reissue the permit with modifications. These proposed modifications would establish that the Town of Vernon and the sewer Authority would have to govern, and be responsible for, industrial and commercial wastewaters. Mr. Leavitt made recommendations and answered questions from the Authority.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal reported that work has begun on the fiscal year-end reporting and he will have a further update at the next meeting. Also, the audit for the fiscal year has begun and the new billing system is working well. Mr. Grasis said that approximately 1,400 delinquent notices were sent out via the new system.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS AND RELATED WPCA FEES

Mr. Daskal provided background on this item and discussion followed. Mr. Boynton expressed concern and said that Regulation One should be revised; he considers it a repair [for a crumbling foundation] and not a new connection. Mr. Grasis said that the revisions to Regulation One can be revisited. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Kearney made a motion to authorize the Director of Water Pollution Control, or their designee, for a period of one year, expiring July 1, 2020, to waive sewer connection fees for all properties other than governmental buildings, where foundations require replacement as a result of a crumbling concrete condition evidenced by engineering or other unbiased, non-visual, criteria, and that said waiver does not include any inspection fees. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

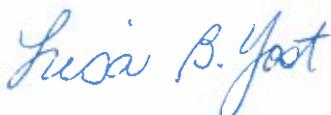
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

ADJOURN

Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost, Secretary
Water Pollution Control