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REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 28, 2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant 7:30 P.M.

Attendees: John Anderson, Melissa Shannon, and E. Ray Weaver. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; Arnie Bevins, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Peter Williams, Ellington WPCA Administrator; Stephen Callis & Sherry Cowles, 16 Janet Lane

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Stephen Callis, 16 Janet Lane: Mr. Callis expressed concern about homeowner responsibility regarding sewer laterals. He has had problems on and off for eight years and had to have his sewer lateral snaked out several times. Mr. Callis said that homeowners should not have to pay to repair the street if the problem with the sewer lateral is under the road; homeowners should only be responsible for repairs from the curb back to the house; the 1981Ordinance needs to be changed. Mr. Weaver told Mr. Callis that he should initially contact the Town to have the main sewer line inspected to see if it is flowing freely. Secondly, Mr. Weaver suggested that Mr. Callis contact someone to evaluate his sewer lateral. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the main line is clean and explained the procedure regarding amendments to the ordinance as well as options for root control. Mr. Anderson said that he understands Mr. Callis' frustration, his comments will be noted; to have someone come out with a camera might be a solution at this point.

MINUTES OF WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTMBER 23, 2010
Mr. Bevins asked that the word "test" be changed to "construction" on Page 2, Paragraph 4, Line 11. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Shannon moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the WPCA held on September 23, 2010 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT
Mr. Bevins reported that flows are at an all time low and the plant is running fine. All of the treatment plant staff has been trained regarding the operation of the new air diffusers. Mr. Bevins reported that kilowatt hours continue to decrease as a result of the air conversion diffuser project. The plant is realizing a significant savings by not having a second air blower running. Mr. Bevins also reported that a letter dated October 18, 2010 from Elizabeth Cutone, Executive Director, New England Water Environmental Association, Inc. (NEWEA) informed him that the Town of Vernon WWTP has been selected to receive the 2010 NEWEA Wastewater Utility Award. Mr. Anderson said people should know about things like this and that this award is a good thing. Mr. Bevins and Mr. Ignatowicz both said that a copy of the letter has been sent to Administration. Mr. Bevins reported that the status of the Fine Bubble Air Diffuser Conversion Project is substantially complete. CL&P will contribute approximately

$365,000 and the remainder of the project should have a payback period of about a year and a half, as a result of this conversion project. Mr. Ignatowicz reported that falling and loose bricks on both the Chemical Building and Post Aeration Building, and the demolition of the deteriorating brick fascia from the abandoned sludge thickeners have been repaired by John Filloramo Construction Company. The cost to demolish the brick fascia was $4700 and a separate repair to the Chemical Building and Post Aeration Building totaled $3900. It was the consensus of the Authority that the repairs should be considered two separate jobs.

FAN TEST FOR NORTH-SOUTH INTERCEPTOR SEWER

Mr. Ignatowicz reported that Stantec Engineering conducted a fan test on October 20th on the North-South Interceptor as a means to mitigate odor releases in the area near Walker Terrace. Stantec recommends that two separate biofilters be constructed at an approximate cost of $60,600. Design fees for the biofilters would be an additional $17,000 and supervision costs would also be extra. Mr. Ignatowicz said that he, Mr. Bevins and Mike Headd, the project engineer, had discussed building the larger unit to be located in the vicinity of Walker Terrace and run it for one year. If needed, the second biofilter can be built and placed upstream closer to Route 30. Mr. Ignatowicz said that staff at the treatment facility would construct the biofilters and the cost estimate is based on the staff doing the construction. Mr. Ignatowicz also said that he would like to work with Collection System Foreman, Peter Dureiko, regarding the location of the biofilters, easements, and utilities. This information would be presented to the Authority before approving any plan for the biofilters, Mr. Ignatowicz said, and once approved, the proposal would have to go before the Town Council. Mr. Weaver suggested using hardwood chips and expressed concern about the $17,000 design; he thought it was high. Mr. Ignatowicz said that it would cost $10,500 for each biofilter if they were designed at separate times.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rostkowski reported that the Sewer Connection Account balance as of October 25, 2010 is approximately $1,306,648. Mr. Anderson asked for details for the expense in the amount of $4,875.45 to Wood Construction for the repair of the sewer lateral at 76 Prospect Street. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that the Connecticut Water Company and Wood Construction also incurred repair costs. He further explained that the lateral had been moved, and the location of the lateral was marked by the WPC Department according to current drawings. Mr. Anderson asked who put the lateral in, who moved it and why is the repair cost the Authority's responsibility. Mr. Ignatowicz said that it is not known when and who moved the lateral; there was no updated information on file. Mr. Ignatowicz said that all three parties were liable and the Authority is responsible because the location of the lateral was wrongly marked; a lateral has to be marked within three feet of its location. Mr. Rostkowski reported that for FY ending June 30, 2010, Operating Income increased to approximately $565,137 as a result of three vacant positions at the treatment facility, fees from the Vernon Housing Authority, an additional $150,000 in septage revenue and $30,000 in penalty interest. Accounts Receivable was $890,723 down 10.76%, the Collection Rate was up 2.9% to 95.12% and the Sewer User rate is $5.69 per 1000 gallons. Mr. Rostkowski provided the Authority with an Unaudited Report of the Sewer User Fund for the Year Ended June 30, 2010.

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ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Williams asked for documentation regarding odor that may be coming from the Ellington Pump Station located on Windsorville Road. If the odor is not being contained and is affecting the surrounding area, Mr. Williams said that he needs something in writing to resolve this issue in a timely manner.

ADJOURN: ***Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Shannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Yost
Secretary Water Pollution Control