

MINUTES OF MEETING
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Phil S. Williams
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Grande, Sr., Chairman
Michael Visnic
Nick Mastrangelo

ALSO PRESENT: R. Scott Allen, Administrator
Art Williams, Treasurer
Robert Brinton, Town Engineer

Chairman Grande called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approve Minutes of July 26, 2018 Meeting: The Commissioners reviewed the Minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting. After a short discussion, a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Commissioner Visnic and seconded by Commissioner Mastrangelo. The motion was approved by a vote of two in favor with one (1) abstention.

Fieldstone HOA request for two billings per year: Chairman Grande reminded the Commissioners that the HOA had requested two (2) billings per year instead of one annual billing. He also noted that he advised Fieldstone of our meeting; no one from Fieldstone was in attendance. Treasurer Williams noted that additional work would be involved and that there should be an increase in the fee to \$90 to do as Fieldstone requests. Discussion ensued, wherein Chairman Grande tabled this item until further discussion with the HOA.

Sewer contract operations and maintenance proposals: Chairman Grande noted the special meeting on October 23, 2018 and the Commission's decision to enter into an agreement with Veolia Water. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Grande noted that the Commission might have to meet again to discuss the contract before signing.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Allen referred to the July 26th minutes in which Mr. Mark DePecol, developer of the proposed Indian River Road Senior Living Development, stated that he would pay for the pump and testing costs. Mr. Allen continued by noting that now Mr. DePecol has reneged on his agreement to pay for the pump which would add another \$800 for an outside concern to install it and that, further, Mr. DePecol advised that they don't have the deal for the property "locked up" as yet. Mr. DePecol did, however, agree to pay the \$500 for testing costs and Mr. Allen advised that an invoice has been sent to him.

Mr. Allen further noted that he received two (2) \$500 "as-built" fees for two jobs; one on Bull Hill Lane and one on RT 1. He confirmed these checks have been deposited. He also noted a check for \$200 covering a permit fee has been received. Discussion ensued regarding policy of depositing permit checks into the town's general account and not WPCA's account. It was agreed that, from now on, these monies will be deposited into the WPCA account.

Mr. Allen further reported that in August all floats/cablings was replaced at the main pump station on the Post Road and there have been no problems since. He also noted that Pump Station #1 will probably need new floats/cablings shortly at a cost of \$55 each.

Administrator's Report (continued): Mr. Allen continued by noting that 220 Edison Road (Eastern Technology) will come down to Indian River Road sewer main to connect. Mr. Allen also noted that he has a permit regarding Eastern Technology for the Chairman to sign. The Commission reviewed the plans and the Chairman proceeded to sign off on the permit. Mr. Allen further noted he has received two (2) "as builts" which are not correct; one for 538 Boston Post Road (Raymour & Flanagan) and the other for the Pez Visitor's Center to relocate a sewer line. Mr. Allen has asked for corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Williams distributed copies of a working trial balance and noted he's waiting for the new rate from West Haven. He reported that the year ended (7/31/18) on a positive note.

Mr. Williams noted that an annual usage bill from the Water Co. was sent out for \$56,000 to basically a vacant property (Firelite Plaza). Mr. Allen reported in light of the excessive billing he investigated the situation and found no leaks and noted there are two (2) meters for the entire site. Commissioner Mastrangelo noted there are a few businesses on the property (Chinese restaurant/nail salon). A short discussion ensued wherein Mr. Williams reported that upon checking with the Water Co. they confirm that this bill was paid. Mr. Williams will check into this situation further.

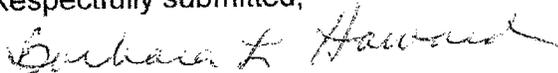
Mr. Williams then reviewed the current year's trial balance and noted that the WPCA has cash available to cover expenses for the new sewer operations and maintenance agreement with Veolia Water for the balance of the year. He further noted that the rate will need to be increased. Discussion ensued wherein Mr. Williams noted that the WPCA should try to get \$6.95 for this year and reiterated that he's waiting for West Haven's rate. Chairman Grande then noted that the rate needs to be increased thru a Public Hearing and probably more than \$6.95 per 1000 gal, all dependent on what West Haven comes back with.

New Business: Mr. Brinton, Town Engineer, inquired about the billing process. Discussion ensued regarding the timing of billings. It was noted that billings covering 7/01/18-6/30/19 are paid in arrears and go out next September.

Further, with Scott Allen's retirement on October 31, 2018, Scott noted that he and Mr. Brinton have been meeting regarding the town's sewer information.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Visnic and seconded by Commissioner Mastrangelo; the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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cc: WPCA Members, Administrator, Town Treasurer, Town Engineer, Sylvie Napoli
