

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING/ MEETING

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

APRIL 27, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Robert Sigler, Chairman
Bob Kleffmann
Michael Richetelli
Nick Mastrangelo

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Brinton, Town Engineer
Art Williams, Town Treasurer
Scott Beaney, Veolia North America
Paul Radman, Veolia North America

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Chairman Sigler called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and immediately asked for a motion to go into the Public Hearing to amend the sewer service area map at 603 Derby Avenue regarding the new CT DOT Maintenance Garage. Commissioner Richetelli motioned to go into the Public Hearing with Commissioner Kleffmann seconding same. With no Orange residents in attendance, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Richetelli with Commissioner Mastrangelo seconding same.

Proceeding to the regular meeting, the Commission followed the agenda.

603 Derby Avenue, CT DOT Maintenance Garage: At the onset, Chairman Sigler together with Mr. Brinton, Town Engineer, explained the situation to the Commissioners that the DOT needs an approval from the WPCA of the Amendment to the Orange-Derby Sewer Agreement as well as the proposed sewer connection for the CT DOT Maintenance Garage. It was noted that the DOT's attorney submitted the proposal to Derby and after some time an agreement was signed that they would allow the discharge of Fieldstone Village and 603 Derby Avenue. Discussion ensued wherein it was noted that a motion to add the property at 603 Derby Avenue to the sewer service area map, to approve an amendment of the Orange-Derby service agreement and to approve the connection to the sewer will be necessary. After a short discussion regarding assessing the property, a motion to approve this agreement pending review by the WPCA's attorney was made by Commissioner Mastrangelo and seconded by Commissioner Richetelli.

Approve minutes: January 26, 2023 meeting: Chairman Sigler noted two (2) items in the Peck Lane proposed development paragraph. In the 1st sentence 3rd line, delete the word "pump" and add "capacity" and in the 2nd sentence 6th line, add the word "capacity" at the end.

March 16, 2023 meeting: Chairman Sigler noted in the 1st sentence, 3rd line, the date of the July meeting should be corrected to read July 27, 2023.

With no further discussion needed, Commissioner Kleffmann motioned to approve the minutes of the January and March meetings, as corrected, with Commissioner Mastrangelo seconding same.

Update on operations and maintenance: Mr. Scott Beaney of Veolia North America reported that it has been a quiet couple of weeks. However, did note one issue at Indian River Pump Station #1 where the amps were running high and that is usually a sign of clogging. He reported to the Commission that this motor is shot and needs to be rebuilt. He noted that it has been sent out for the repair work to be done and should be back in six (6) weeks and went on to note that a spare was available which is being used. Mr. Beaney continued to note an issue at the Boston Post Road pump station where there was a crack discovered in the pipe. He believes that this crack occurred when the State recently did work on the Post Road. He reported that Veolia sleeved the leak and it went smoothly.

At this point, Commissioner Kleffmann voiced his concern that Indian River issues continue and believes Maplewood is the origin. Commissioner Kleffmann suggests that a conversation/visit with Maplewood be scheduled so that it is aware of the recurring situation with plastic bags, etc. being found in the wet well. After a short discussion, the Commissioners agree to send a few members, in addition to Scott Beaney, to speak with the organization. Commissioner Richetelli suggested that a follow up letter be issued after the visit to Maplewood. Chairman Sigler will take the lead and update the Commissioners.

Woolco pump station: Mr. Scott Beaney and Mr. Paul Radman of Veolia reported that Veolia smoke tested the Woolco pump station and found nothing substantial; however a few clean out caps were broken and recommended that the WPCA send a letter to the property owner with a request to install threaded clean out caps to rectify the problem. They also noted the issues at the Post Road pump station originate from the swampy area at Indian River-Silverbrook area and suggest this could be a source of potential problems with the pump station falling behind in heavy rain events. Discussed ensued regarding the flow monitors suggesting to do a three month study and see how the flow monitors respond after heavy rains. At this point, Mr. Brinton noted that the Woolco inflow study was completed and suggested to install flow monitors and smart covers. Mr. Radman of Veolia suggested installing the flow monitors before summer or in the fall. Discussion ensued with Chairman Sigler noting this issue will be tabled until the July meeting and set up for the fall. Additionally, Mr. Brinton suggested to purchase the manhole seals and will work with Veolia on this.

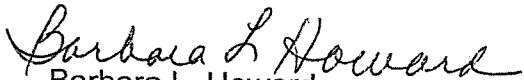
West Haven Sewer Agreement amendment for Dogburn Lane development: Discussion ensued regarding Commissioners' concerns, i.e. oversight of pump station, inspection while under construction, specify equipment to be installed and additional requirements for the developer from West Haven. Chairman Sigler noted he will contact Attorney Marino for any updates.

Town Engineer's report: Update: Mr. Brinton reported that bills have been sent to the property owners on Carlson Road. Of the six property owners, three have paid/three have not. Also, 5 Guys property owner (PDQ Orange LLC) has paid the invoice that was sent to them. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brinton also reported an emergency pipe replacement on Chestnut Street. He noted he has no information as yet but that West Haven did the work as a "no bid" job and that the costs keep going up. Mr. Brinton reported to the Commission that nothing will be paid until he brings the invoices before the Commission.

Treasurer's report: Mr. Williams reported that he will work on a new budget and will include \$40,000 for study costs. Chairman Sigler requested that the Commission be kept advised of budget figures. A short discussion ensued.

With no further business to be discussed, Commissioner Mastrangelo made a motion to close the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM..

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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