

MINUTES OF MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

APRIL 28, 2022

ORANGE, CONN.
TOWN OFFICE
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TOWN CLERK

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

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Brinton, Town Engineer

Public Hearing: With a quorum in attendance, Chairman Sigler motioned to proceed into the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM with Commissioner Richetelli seconding same. Chairman Sigler began by reading the notice of public hearing to consider and act on two requests to amend the WPCA's plan of areas to be served by sewers and areas where sewers are to be avoided, specifically 329 Smith Farm Road and the west side of Dogburn Lane between Spring Street and Boston Post Road. Once the notice was read and, with representatives of the developers of these parcels in attendance, the Chairman asked for comments from those in attendance. Hearing none, Commissioner Mastrangelo motioned to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and return to the general meeting with Commissioner Kleffmann seconding same.

Discussion on amending the Sewer Service Area Map: Discussion ensued regarding the 329 Smith Farm Road request. At this time, it was noted that West Haven has approved adding this parcel to their system. With no additional discussion needed, a motion to approve adding the 329 Smith Farm Road parcel to the Sewer Service Area was made by Commissioner Mastrangelo, seconded by Commissioner Richetelli and unanimously carried.

Regarding the 24 acre parcel on the west side of Dogburn Lane, the Chairman asked for a motion to add this parcel to the Sewer Service Area with Commissioner Richetelli making said motion and Commissioner Mastrangelo seconding same. Discussion ensued regarding West Haven's possible request to negotiate a fee. Mr. Brinton noted he was in contact with West Haven and that West Haven wants to be paid up front for costs incurred. He noted no amount was mention and, in the past, no monies had been discussed. With additional information needed from West Haven, Chairman Sigler suggested that this item be tabled until the information is received from West Haven. At that time, once we get some clarity, a special meeting will be scheduled to act on this. Commissioner Kleffmann suggested that the Commission negotiate with West Haven ASAP. Commissioners agreed that Attorney Marino needs to get involved with West Haven discussions. At this time, Commissioner Richetelli withdrew his motion pending Attorney Marino's input/opinion.

Approve minutes of January 27, 2022 meeting: At this time, approval of the minutes was addressed. Chairman Sigler requested an addition to the Force Main Pipe Failure item, to read "A short general discussion ensued referring to the corrosion failure study." With no additional discussion needed, a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made by Commissioner Kleffmann, seconded by Commissioner Mastrangelo and unanimously approved.

Updates on operations/maintenance: No representative from Veolia attended. However, Mr. Brinton noted that he was advised the issue at Indian River pump station was caused by rags, discarded gloves, plastic bags. A short discussion ensued regarding solutions to this sort of ongoing problem.

Carlson Rd/Bull Hill La Update: Mr. Brinton reported letters were sent out to all owners; hearing back from only one. Commissioner Kleffmann suggested a meeting with the owners to ensure they are aware of the situation. A short discussion ensued.

Town Engineer's Report: Regarding the continuing problem with "5 Guys" restaurant, Mr. Brinton reported he received a call from the property manager in response to a letter they received from him. He was assured that the restaurant would be contacted and made aware of the situation. Commissioner Mastrangelo suggested sending a bill to "5 Guys" since they are responsible for this issue by not pumping out on a regular basis as required. Discussion ensued wherein the Commissioners are in agreement to send a bill. Mr. Brinton agreed that he will send a bill to the restaurant.

Force Main Pipe Failure: Mr. Brinton noted that two corrosion survey proposals were received and distributed to the Commissioners for review. A short discussion ensued wherein it was agreed that the Commission needs to consider a "Plan B" solution to this problem. Consequently, this issue will be tabled until a later meeting.

Treasurer's Report: In Mr. Williams absence, Mr. Brinton distributed copies of the financials to be reviewed. Mr. Brinton noted that West Haven has not raise its rates for three years but plan on raising rates this year for West Haven residents by 6%. Mr. Williams is suggesting to consider an increase from 7.85 per 1000 gallons to 8.40 per 1000 gallons. It was noted that Orange's last increase was two years ago. A short discussion ensued wherein it was agreed to table this issue to a later meeting.

With no further business to be addressed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Richetelli, seconded by Commissioner Mastrangelo and unanimously carried; the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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