

MINUTES OF MEETING
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

OCTOBER 28, 2021

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

Received for record 11/16/21
at 6 h 21 m P M, and recorded by
Mary Shaw Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Brinton, Town Engineer
Art Williams, Treasurer

Chairman Sigler opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Approve minutes of July 22, 2021 meeting: With no discussion needed, a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, was made by Commissioner Kleffmann, seconded by Commissioner Mastrangelo and unanimously approved.

Update on operations/maintenance: Mr. Brinton advised the Commission that Mr. Beaney of Veolia was unable to attend the meeting. He then reviewed Veolia's monthly reports with the Commissioners highlighting a number of incidents that occurred since the last meeting in July. Discussion followed.

Force main pipe failure – corrosion survey proposal: Mr. Brinton noted that Commissioner Kleffmann spoke with the people at the Oxford WPCA and was advised they had experienced a similar situation and gave Commissioner Kleffmann a contact for the Commission to speak with. It was noted that the company representative stopped by the Town Hall and spoke with Mr. Brinton and agreed to get a proposal to him for consideration.

Carlson Road update: It was noted that Chairman Sigler, Commission Kleffmann, Mr. Brinton and Attorney Marino met for a short meeting regarding the Carlson Road situation. Discussion ensued wherein it was voiced that the Town should walk away from this situation and send the owners a letter advising same. Mr. Williams noted an option to consider wherein the owners would pay user fees to the Town and the Town would monitor the system, the owners would own the system and, if anything happened to the pipe, they would be responsible for repairs. Commissioner Kleffmann noted that it was DEEP's opinion that it should remain a private sewer. Options discussed for consideration were (1) do nothing; (2) advised the owners they own the pipe and should have it inspected giving them a contact person at Veolia; (3) the Town takes over responsibility for the pipe and charges user fees. Discussion continued.

At this time, a suggestion was made to draft a letter to the property owners advising they are responsible for the line and request them to supply the Town with information as to who they have to take care of the pipe and to pass it by Attorney Marino for his legal opinion before sending it out. Discussion continued. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to send a

letter to the property owners on Carlson Road notifying them of the situation. At this point, a motion was made by Commissioner Richetelli, seconded by Commissioner Kleffmann and unanimously approved to have Attorney Marino draft a letter to the property owners that utilize the private line notifying them that it is a private line and not maintained by the Town of Orange and request a contact number for the responsible individual for the Town to contact if a problem occurs. Once the draft letter has been approved, it would be sent out prior to the next WPCA meeting in January. Discussion continued wherein it was agreed that Mr. Brinton will check the town records to see if permits were ever filed with the Town.

Dogburn Road development: With reference to this development, Chairman Sigler reminded the Commissioners that 5 years ago the developer came before the Commission but that development never materialized. The developer is back with a new proposal. With this new proposal, a new sewer analysis would need to be done. He noted that Tie & Bond did the original sewer analysis in 2016. At that time, there was enough capacity based on the proposed project (44 1 bedroom / 44 2 bedroom units); however, now the proposal is for 75 3 bedroom units. With this change, an updated analysis would be needed. The Commission was also advised that Tie & Bond is now working with the developer on this project. The concern now is do we feel confident with having Tie & Bond do a new analysis. Discussion ensued. The Commission believes the WPCA should have its own firm to do the study with a third party review. Mr. Brinton will check into other firms that can review Tie & Bond's numbers. Discussion continued. With nothing formal received from this developer at present, the Chairman suggests that the developer request to be put on our agenda.

Smith Farm Road development: no update.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Williams distributed copies of the budget for review and discussion and noted that our cash position continues to be in good shape. Discussion ensued. He also advised that West Haven hasn't changed its per gallon rate as yet and doesn't know what they are going to do.

New Business: As to scheduling the 2022 WPCA meetings, Chairman Sigler inquired if there was any issue with keeping the WPCA meetings on a quarterly basis (Fourth Thursday) as it presently is. With no opposition to meeting quarterly (January, April, July, October), the Town Clerk will be notified of the WPCA's 2022 meeting schedule.

With no further business to be addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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