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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
100 WINDSORVILLE ROAD

December 2, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Andrew Tedford, Gordon Gibson and Ray Weaver. Also present: Robert Grasis, Director Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Heatheryn Leduke, Financial Analyst; Sean Gately, Economic Development Coordinator; Steve Seigal, Tighe & Bond; Brian Patsun, Septicology; David Lytwyn, Admiral Septic; Robert Healey - 57 ½ East Street; Ray & Taryn Fredericksen & Kent Kuyumjian - 87 Frederic Road

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tedford at 7:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None. The Chairman asked that Item #3 be moved to Item #7.

DISCUSSION OF 83 BIRCH ROAD WAIVER TO CONNECT TO THE SANITARY SEWER

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item and referenced an approved plan from North Central District Health Department to allow the current septic system to be replaced in lieu of connecting to the public sewer. Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves a waiver to connect to the sanitary sewer, and to allow the repair of the existing septic system for 83 Birch Road. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

DISCUSSION OF 315 SOUTH STREET WAIVER TO CONNECT TO THE SANITARY SEWER

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item and referenced an approved plan from North Central District Health Department to allow the current septic system to be replaced in lieu of connecting to the public sewer. Mr. Patsun answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves a waiver to connect to the sanitary sewer, and to allow the repair of the existing septic system for 315 South Street. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR SEWER CONNECTION WAIVER FOR 57 ½ EAST STREET

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item and referenced page 19 of Regulation 1 that was distributed to members. Mr. Healey said that his daughter who lives at the property, has had a lot of trouble with the shared lateral. Discussion took place. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion for 57 ½ East Street that the connection fee be waived however a repair fee be assigned to this household to be paid for. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON 87 FREDERICK ROAD SEWER CONNECTION

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item and answered questions from the Authority. Discussion took place relative to connecting to the sanitary sewer and repairing the septic system. It was the consensus of the Authority to have the property owners contact North Central District Health Department to see if a septic repair is feasible, and return to the Authority when that information is available.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2021

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the October 28, 2021 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed (2-0-1) with Mr. Gibson abstaining.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Seigal updated the Authority on the progress of the upgrade during the past month. He said the treatment facility has been a very busy and active construction site. Mr. Seigal reported that the project is delayed about five months with a projected completion date of February 2022. Tighe & Bond is working with Methuen to shorten the schedule and Mr. Seigal said that the delay is due to supply chain issues as well as the *Force Majeure*; he doesn't see any major issues that will slow down the project from this point forward. Mr. Grasis, Mr. Seigal and Mr. Boske answered questions from the Authority. Discussion took place relative to Disc Filter #3.

The Chairman asked to move Agenda Item #12 to Agenda Item #9.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF DESIGN PROPOSAL FROM TIGHE & BOND FOR THE TALCOTTVILLE/BROOKVIEW PUMP STATIONS

Mr. Grasis spoke to a revised proposal regarding this item. The funds for the project will come from the Sewer User account he said. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to approve the Talcottville & Brookview Pump Station Electrical Improvements Revised Metal Can Pump Station Corrosion Assessments Design Phase Engineering Services to Tighe & Bond, November 8, 2021 Version 0037-P015. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 80 UNION STREET

Mr. Grasis provided background information and discussion took place relative to inactivating an account. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority puts Account #4887 into inactive status due to a fire in March of 2021 and the subsequent demolition of the building. It was the consensus of the Authority to have the Business Office put an account into inactive status if there is an obvious total loss without having to come before the Authority.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson, made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss Exit 66 & 67 Sewer Area and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Heathersyn Leduke, Financial Analyst; Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Lisa Yost, Secretary, to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the Authority went in to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. The Authority came out of Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY AND WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY ACCOUNTS

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item and discussion took place. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson, made a motion to waive the interest fees for the Vernon Housing Authority and the Waste Treatment Facility accounts. Mr. Tedford asked to amend the motion to include the bill date of October 1, 2021. Mr. Gibson seconded the amended motion and it passed unanimously (3-0-0).

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske updated the Authority regarding operations at the treatment facility during October and referenced a newly formatted summary that was distributed to Authority members, that now includes permit limits. He said the water quality was spectacular during October and noted that the total phosphorus removal was less than what was actually required. He answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Grasis updated the Authority regarding current activities which included: The underground storage tank requirements are complete; the bioxide tank replacement is moving forward for Talcottville; both foreman positions remain open; the NPDES permit has been publicly noticed; and collection personnel treated 30,000 feet of sanitary sewer pipes for roots this year. Also, both the regen unit and grit system is down and work is in progress to resolve the issues. Mr. Grasis reported that a Connecticut Water Company representative informed the Ellington WPCA that their software cannot support calculations for deduct meters. Mr. Grasis said that the representative will further research the request to have deduct meters installed.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Leduke reported that the October billing is complete and the collection rate is at 92%, up from 91% this time last year. Also, approximately 2100 delinquent notices were sent (26% of the original billing) and an additional 8% was collected. The lockbox service continued to be used through the delinquent billing and its use was up 18% over last year. Discussion took place.

APPROVAL OF 2022 WPCA MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the 2022 Water Pollution Control Authority meeting schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

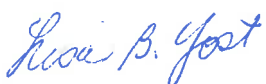
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Grasis informed the Authority about capital improvements that he will be requesting in the next budget.

ADJOURN

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary Water Pollution Control