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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY TELECONFERENCE

January 27, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Ken Boynton, Andrew Tedford, and Ray Weaver. Also present: Robert Grasis, Director Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Heatheryn Leduke, Financial Analyst; Mike Becker, Tighe & Bond; Andrew Coleman, Skip's/Wastewater Services; Timothy Coon, 43/45 South Frontage Road

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None. Chairman Tedford asked to move Agenda Item #6 to Agenda Item #3.

DISCUSSION OF 128 HANSEN DRIVE WAIVER TO CONNECT TO THE SANITARY SEWER

Mr. Coleman provided background information on this item and answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Grasis said that the septic repair plan has been approved by the health department. Discussion took place. Mr. Weaver seconded by Mr. Boynton 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 128 Hansen Drive. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

MINUTES OF THE WPCA MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2021 AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 22, 2021

Mr. Tedford seconded by Mr. Weaver made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the December 2, 2021 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mr. Weaver seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the December 22, 2021 Special Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Becker updated the Authority on the progress of the upgrade and answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Becker reported that last month's activities included: work has begun on the primary clarifiers; work continues in the chemical, blower, secondary sludge and solids buildings; painting continues in various buildings and piping throughout the facility; work continues on Aeration Tanks #3 & #4; and new pumps have been installed in the RAS building. Mr. Becker reviewed a schedule of work that is planned for next month. As of this month, Mr. Becker said that the contractual project schedule is 74.5% complete to final completion. Methuen submitted a project schedule effective January 15th that reduced the anticipated project delay by approximately 12 days. Mr. Grasis updated the Authority relative to the carbon reduction time period.

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DISCUSSION OF 43/45 SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD SEWER EXTENSION

Mr. Grasis provided background information relative to the commercial development of the property. Options to connect to the sanitary sewer were discussed. Discussion also took place regarding the installation of a septic system. Mr. Coon provided additional details and answered questions from the Authority. It was the consensus of the Authority to authorize Mr. Grasis to contact Tighe & Bond regarding a plan of development for the sewer extension to include a cost estimate and timeframe.

DISCUSSION OF 30 GOTTIER DRIVE WAIVER TO CONNECT TO THE SANITARY SEWER

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item and referenced a Plan of Approval from the Health Department to repair the septic system. Discussion took place. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Weaver 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 30 Gottier Drive. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

DISCUSSION OF 284 LAKE STREET CONNECTION

It was the consensus of the Authority to table this item until more information is obtained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford 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; Heatheryn Leduke, Financial Analyst and any other persons the Water Pollution Control Authority deems appropriate, to attend the Executive Session. Lisa Yost, Secretary was invited to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the Authority entered Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Boynton, made a motion to end the Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPAIR AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item and referenced an itemized invoice that was distributed to members. He answered question from the Authority and discussion took place. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Boynton, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the emergency water main repair at the Wastewater Treatment Facility on January 10, 2022 by VMS Construction Company, Vernon, CT in accordance with their invoice dated January 12, 2022 in the amount of \$7,530.00.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske said that the plant is running normally during the upgrade. He referenced an operations summary for December 2021 and noted that both the BOD and suspended solids removal was higher than last year at this time. He reported that ammonia limits are good for the middle of winter. Regarding current activities, Mr. Grasis reported that: Connecticut Water will not offer deduct meter options for Ellington and Vernon; the bioxide tank has been ordered for the Talcottville pump station; there are plans for a proposed daycare at Trail Run; Mr. Weaver's and Mr. Boynton's WPCA terms have been extended to 2024; and the new NPDES permit was received. The Talcottville pump station was shut down on Monday due to a leak in the force main which was repaired by the end of the business day; DEEP was notified. Also: preliminary findings from the corrosion inspection for the pump stations revealed that they are in good shape and a formal report will be forthcoming; and all pump stations were upgraded to 5G. Mr. Grasis encouraged the Authority to participate in the American Rescue Plan Act survey on the Town's website. Discussion took place relative to

the private road leading to the Talcottville Pump station. It was the consensus of the Authority to look at the driveway prior to making a decision.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Leduke presented a mid-year recap of billing, expenditures, and receivables. She reported that the Authority is right on pace to be within the projected budget and updated the Authority relative to unrestricted funds. Ms. Leduke asked the Authority for ideas regarding a pamphlet that would be included in the April bills. Mr. Weaver suggested an update on the treatment facility upgrade and that the Authority is investigating sewers service in the areas of Exits 66 & 67.

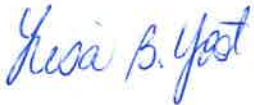
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

It was the consensus of the Authority to contact Authority member Gordon Gibson prior to setting a meeting date to discuss the FY 2022 - 2023 budget.

ADJOURN

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford, 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