



Water Pollution Control Authority

MARCH 16, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Members Present: Daniel Parisi, Leonard Descheneaux, Aaron Foster, Paul Gilbert, and Shawn Koehler

Others Present: Tim Webb-WPCA Administrator, Marshall Gaston and Kurt Mailman-F&O, Rob Grasis-Vernon WPCA, Eric Peterson-Gardner & Peterson Associates, Brad Kidney-Ellington Ridge CC/Ellington Purchasing Corp.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum (non-agenda items) - None

3. Approval of the February 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2022 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

4. Old Business

1. Deduct Meters, update

Mr. Webb has heard nothing this month from CT Water. He is recommending that further communication be to a CWC main office. Mr. Koehler is proposing that the WPCA develop a program for meters and the reading of them. People could purchase the meters from the Town and then the Town would read it. He did not think the 20% was equitable to all. Mr. Grasis of Vernon stated that the Town of Vernon would have to accept the reading also. Mr. Webb will contact someone at CT Water.

2. Calculation of Additional flow purchases

This month Mr. Webb did some calculations; he took the current budget for Vernon and divided it by the unassigned flow which came out to \$5.53/gallon. This method is the most reasonable in that for many years the cost of additional flow was charged at \$4.81. The Board agreed.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISSOLVE THE METHOD TO DETERMINE THE COST PER GALLON FOR PURCHASING OF ADDITIONAL FLOW, CALCULATION AND GRAPH, THAT WAS APPROVED ON DECEMBER 15, 2021.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING METHOD OF PURCHASING ADDITIONAL FLOW COST PER GALLON AS FOLLOWS: DIVIDING THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE SEWER DISTRICT BY THE GALLONS WITHIN THE UNASSIGNED FLOW THAT IS AVAILABLE. CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE VERNON DISTRICT IS \$2,754,108/UNASSIGNED FLOW 498,300 GALLONS =\$5.53. THE PURCHASING OF ADDITIONAL FLOW WILL ONLY BE APPROVED SHOULD THE REQUEST/NEED FOR, OR FROM, A PARTY IS APPROVED FOR THE ADDITIONAL FLOW.

A Public Hearing will be held on this change.

3. ARP Funding update

Mr. Webb stated that the funding committee has given until April 21, 2022 to received submittals for use of the funds. The next meeting is April 28, 2022.

4. I&I Study – No action this month.

5. New Business

1. Ellington Ridge Request for Adding Property to the Sewer Service area

Mr. Kidney stated that the sewer line ends at Standish Road and that they have requested ARPA funds to extend the sewer to the end of the Country Club propriety. They are interested in constructing a 40 unit townhouse retirement complex on the property. He felt this would increase the tax base in town with no impact to the school system. They were told that the property is not in the sewer service area, therefore it would have to be added, and then they would have to do a request for a flow allocation. Mr. Kidney estimated it to between 12,000-15,000 gpd. Mr. Webb also stated that he would check with the Town Planner to see if this follows the Plan of Conservation and Development. He also stated that the developer would construct the sewer line. It is a valid use of ARPA funds but it is up to the funding committee to determine if these funds will be granted.

2. Crystal Lake Pump Station/beach area improvements (discussion)

Mr. Gaston is working on a scope of work for the pump station at Crystal Lake Beach but he has come up with some problems getting some

numbers. He needs to work up a construction estimate and should have it for the April 19 meeting.

6. Administrative

1. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates and Billing, Vernon Pump Station

The February invoice consists of F&O attending the meeting and the letter for 80 Meadow Brook Rd inclusion into the sewer district.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAUX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO FUSS & O'NEILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,264 FOR TASK 9 FOR FEBRUARY, INVOICE 0239346.

The WPCA is going to move forward with the Vernon Pump Station upgrade and Mr. Gilbert would like to visit a couple of pump stations that Fuss & O'Neill has constructed or worked on. The WPCA is hoping to get 50% funding from ARP. Mr. Mailman listed off some stations that they could visit. He suggested Groton Treatment Plant, South Meadows and Putnam. It was noted that the Coventry station is similar although older. It was finally decided to visit Tolland and then go to Coventry. Tim Webb will make arrangements with Marshal Gaston to do this.

2. Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

Mr. Webb told the Board that there were problems with two grinder pumps that were moved and reconnected. The pump at Vernon Pump Station was changed and an oil cooled pump was installed.

ii. Other

7. Misc. Communications

Mr. Mailman stated that various WPCA and Operators Associations have merged. Mr. Grasis of Vernon stated that the plant upgrade is coming along and despite reports of materials delays, they are making due when waiting for materials and materials are coming in.

Adjournment

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary