



# TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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## MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY TELECONFERENCE

February 24, 2022

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; Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA; Blake Correia, Correia Excavators Inc.; Brian Kosilla, 284 Lake Street; Trevor Jeanloz, 417 Tunnel Road; James Aldrich, Aldrich Construction and Dave O'Connell, Shawmut Equipment Company

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Trevor Jeanloz - 417 Tunnel Road: He would like an explanation regarding the deferred assessment for additional acreage on his property; could he get the assessment waived.

Agenda Item #10 was moved to Agenda Item #3 and Agenda Item #3 was moved to Agenda Item #9.

### DISCUSSION OF TUNNEL ROAD ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item and said that the septic system is failing at 417 Tunnel Road. He referenced maps delineating sewer information for 417, 381 and 491 Tunnel Road. Discussion took place relative to both sewer assessments at 417 Tunnel Road. It was the consensus of the Authority to require the deferred assessment for the house to be paid at the time of connection to the sewer and the second assessment is to be paid if/when the property is subdivided.

### DISCUSSION OF 284 LAKE STREET CONNECTION

Mr. Correia provided background information on this item and answered questions from the Authority. He explained that Mr. Kosilla would like to connect his barn, located to the rear of the property, to the existing house lateral. Discussion took place relative to separate laterals and possible subdivision of the property. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the connection at 284 Lake Street with the caveat of a maintenance agreement if the property is ever subdivided. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mr. Grasis said that he would send Mr. Correia a draft maintenance agreement.

Agenda Item #6 was moved to Agenda Item #5

### DISCUSSION OF EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

Mr. Grasis referenced a proposal from Tighe & Bond for the design and construction of the sewer on South Frontage Road that connects to Tunnel Road. He answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion to accept Tighe & Bond's proposal for Exit 66: Tunnel Road/Frontage Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Design and Bid Phase Engineering Services

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with the exception of adding an additional \$3,000 to cover the cost of the whole service area that was proposed instead of the short service area. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mr. Grasis noted a proposed schedule for the project. Mr. O'Connell said he appreciated the efforts from the Town of Vernon.

#### UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis updated the Authority on the progress of the upgrade and reported that activities included: the repair of Disc Filter #3 and the fix for the damage of the divider wall and inlet chute; secondary sludge and thickening systems; continuing work in the RAS, filter and secondary sludge buildings; Aeration tanks #3 & #4; electrical work throughout the facility; and one of the three new water pumps was started. He reviewed a schedule of upcoming activities and answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Grasis reviewed a change order summary and reported that the upgrade is approximately 150 days behind schedule with a final completion date of May 2023.

#### PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well. He reviewed a plant operation summary for January 2022 regarding several processes including BOD and suspended solids removal, and the use of natural gas and electricity. Mr. Grasis reported current activities that included: the replacement bioxide tank is expected to arrive soon; the two foreman positions remain open; the sewer service area map and sewage O&M letter was sent to DEEP; Tighe & Bond is working on pump station improvements; and Robert Arthur achieved two years of perfect attendance. Discussion took place relative to battery storage locations.

#### BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Leduke reviewed a list of properties slated for tax sale on March 9th. Only seven of the 31 properties originally on the tax sale list remain she said and approximately \$8,000 of the original \$87,000 remains to be collected. Ms. Leduke reported that back billing generated another \$8,000 in revenue and work continues on the online billing process. She presented a draft brochure that is planned to be included in the April bills. She asked for feedback and the Authority liked the brochure. Mr. Weaver said that he plans to speak at a public hearing tomorrow at the state legislature regarding liens being placed on properties only when the principle reaches \$10,000.

#### MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2022 AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Weaver, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the January 27, 2022 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the February 10, 2022 Special Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

#### 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 Lisa Yost, Secretary to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

#### ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

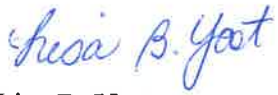
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Grasis presented an itemized invoice for the emergency repair of the Talcottville Pump Station force main. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion to authorize Mr. Grasis to pay VMS Construction the bill for the Talcottville repair at \$10,924.50. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Weaver made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, Water Pollution Control