



Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING MAY 18, 2022 MINUTES

Members Present: Daniel Parisi-Chair, Leonard Descheneaux, Aaron Foster, Paul Gilbert

Members Absent: Shawn Koehler

Others Present: Tim Webb-WPCA Administrator, Marshall Gaston and Kurt Mailman-F&O, David Stavens-Deputy First Selectman, Joshua Virkler-Luann's Bakery

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

3. Approval of the April 20, 2022 Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gilbert asked that the Public Hearing notice be changed to Proposed Calculation to Purchase Additional Flow from the Available Capacity and change the calculation wording to available capacity.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE CHANGE NOTED ABOVE.

4. Old Business

1. Proposed Calculation to Purchase Additional Flow

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CALCULATION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL FLOW AS - FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PER SEWER DISTRICT DIVIDED BY THE AVAILABLE CAPACITY WITHIN EACH SEWER DISTRICT.

2. Deduct Meters, update

Tim Webb stated that Rep. Foster and CT Water are in communication regarding these meters. He has heard nothing.

3. ARP Funding update

The Task Force will be bringing the Vernon PS, Crystal Lake Firetruck, and High School Track for approval at a Town Meeting on May 25, 2022. The balance of the funds will be allocated to the remaining projects after the actual costs are received for the first three projects.

4. I&I Study

Fuss & O'Neill brought forth a proposal for the I&I Study in two phases called subtasks. After much discussion, it was decided to select Subtask 2 which is to prepare technical documents and go out to bid for manhole sealing. The Town will identify the manholes to be done.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE TASK AUTHORIZATION REQUEST NO. 4A, SUBTASK 2 FOR MANHOLE SEALING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,850.

5. New Business:

1. 26 Stein Rd request for credit

Item tabled, no one in attendance.

2. Luann's Sewer Usage Invoice

Josh Virkler of Luann's Bakery asked for a reduction in his sewer use invoice from October 1, 2021-March 31, 2021. He paid the invoice to avoid interest charges. He stated that the first two months they did not have a certificate of occupancy and for the other 4 months there was limited occupancy. They averaged 7,560 sq ft occupied during that time period. They are on a well. After some discussion the WPCA agreed to a 50% credit on the invoice with the Tax Collector to determine the best way to apply it.

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A 50% REDUCTION FOR LUANN'S IN THE BILLING FOR THE INVOICE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2022 AND TO LET THE TAX COLLECTOR DETERMINE THE BEST WAY TO APPLY IT.

Mr. Virkler would also like to look into putting in a meter and to report the flow to the Town. He was told that he would have to purchase the meter, have it installed and work with the Tax Collector on the reading of it.

3. Vernon Pump Station Contract F&O

The WPCA reviewed Task Authorization Request No. 3B for the Vernon PS upgrade final design in the amount of \$348,000. It was agreed upon that the project should not go forward until after the May 25 Town Meeting pending the project be approved. There was discussion regarding the lump sum billing versus the hourly billing. The contract calls for hourly billing but this is a special project. Mr. Mailman offered to show the hours on the invoices. Mr. Foster agreed with the project but stated he would vote nay because of the billing process.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED TO APPROVE TASK AUTHORIZATION REQUEST NO. 3B IN THE AMOUNT OF \$348,000 FOR FINAL DESIGN INCLUDING BIDDING SERVICES FOR THE VERNON PUMP STATION PENDING APPROVAL OF THE ARPA FUNDS TO BE APPROPRIATED.

VOTE: GILBERT, PARISI, DESCHENEAX AYE, FOSTER NAY.

6. Administrative

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

Mr. Gilbert asked that the updated current report be submitted to the WPCA. He also questioned the charges for the visitation to the Tolland Pump Station. Mr. Mailman stated that he would remove that charge.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO FUSS & O'NEILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,676.25, INVOICE 0241035, TASK 4.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO FUSS & O'NEILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$603.75, INVOICE 0241033, TASK 9.

2. Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

Mr. Webb told the WPCA that his department has been servicing grinder pumps. There was a sewer backup at the Ambulance Building due to wipes that was cleared and they were instructed not

to use them. A contractor ripped out the electrical wires on the grinder pump and our staff spent time there this week.

ii. Other - None

7. Misc. Communications

Mr. Webb stated that a new DPW Director/WPCA Administrator was hired and will be starting on June 6. He will be in attendance at the June WPCA meeting.

Adjournment

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ELLINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
PROPOSED CALCULATION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL FLOW
FROM THE AVAILABLE CAPACITY**

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 7:255, that the Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a Public Hearing on April 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., in the Ellington Public Works Office, 21 Main St., Ellington, Connecticut, for the purpose of hearing comments by the public concerning the proposed calculation to determine the cost per gallon for additional flow, gallons from the unassigned flow within the Ellington sewer systems. At the hearing, the public shall have the opportunity to be heard.

Hockanum Sewer System & Crystal Lake Sewer System Formula
The fiscal year budget per, Sewer District, divided by the available capacity within each
Sewer District.

Said charges will be effective May 18, 2022.

Timothy M. Webb, Administrator
Water Pollution Control Authority

Wording Revised per May 18, 2022 Minutes