



TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
100 WINDSORVILLE ROAD

April 28, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Andrew Tedford, Ken Boynton and Ray Weaver. Also present: Robert Grasis, Director Water Pollution Control; Heathersyn Leduke, Financial Analyst; Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2022

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the March 24, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed (2-0-1) with Mr. Boynton abstaining.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis updated the Authority on the progress of work since the last meeting. Regarding Disc Filter #3: the corrosion expert report has not yet been received and options to fix the tripping issues at the main breaker were discussed; the Town does not intend to pay for the fix. Discussion took place. Mr. Grasis further updated the Authority on the upgrade construction by referencing a photograph of the facility: Work continues on Aeration Tanks #3 & #4 and bypass; the north distribution channel floor was poured; work continues in both the blower and filter buildings; masonry work continues in/on the secondary sludge building; west primary equipment processing startup was last week; odor control equipment and piping is still being installed in the secondary sludge tanks. The 35-day delay for the bypass for the aeration pipe removal and install has been added to the project schedule and will be documented by Methuen for submittal to DEEP. Mr. Grasis reviewed planned work for next month and answered questions from the Authority. A three week look-ahead, project narrative, milestone report and change order summary was distributed to Authority members.

DISCUSSION OF EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

Mr. Grasis reported that the design contract for Exit 66 has been signed by Administration and Tighe & Bond will begin working on the design. The easement for Exit 67 will be put on the Town Council agenda for review/approval. Tighe & Bond is working on a design proposal for Exit 67 he said.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

The Authority did not enter into Executive Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Grasis reviewed a Plant Operations Summary and updated the Authority relative to processes during March. Discussion took place relative to conducting spot checks for phosphorous in the collection system. Current events included: there has been no update from Connecticut Water relative to deduct meters; 284 Lake Street has a maintenance agreement in place and plans to connect to the sewer next week; the replacement bioxide tank at the Talcottville Pump Stations is up and running; no adjustments were made to the WPC budget at the Town meeting; Operator in Training interviews will be conducted this week; the UV channels were cleaned and the system is up and running; the Feasibility Study and SSES studies are still with DEEP for review; and a meeting is scheduled next week with VMS regarding a couple of collection system jobs. Mr. Grasis is obtaining bids to replace the Talcottville Pump Station flow meter and he will have those bids at the next meeting.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Leduke requested approval for a refund in the amount of \$271.38 for account #8791 due to a credit because of automatic monthly payments. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion to approve a refund for Account #8791 in the amount of \$271.38 due to overpayment. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Ms. Leduke reviewed a summary of the April 2022 Billing/Collections that was distributed to the Authority. She reported that just over 70% has been collected and approximately 1,000 online payments have been received. She answered questions and discussion took place relative to automatic payments. She explained the water/sewer assistance program offered by the state; the vendor form is currently being reviewed by Administration.

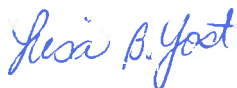
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Grasis spoke to Informational Item #1. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Weaver made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary Water Pollution Control