Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2022
MINUTES

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

Others Present: Tim Webb-WPCA Administrator, Ken Radziwon, Marshall Gaston and Kurt Mailman-F&O, Rob Grasis-Vernon WPCA,

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizen’s Forum (non-agenda items)

Mr. Webb introduced Ken Radziwon, new DPW Director/WPCA Administrator.

3. Approval of the May 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN.

4. Old Business

1. Deduct Meters, update

Tim Webb stated that the last update he received this week is that they are not ready to move forward. State Rep. Jaime Foster is also working on this. He suggested that the Board may want to consider another reduction to the October billing.

2. ARP Funding update

Tim Webb stated that the Priority 1 projects were approved and ready to move forward which includes the Vernon Pump Station project. Priority 2 projects will be ready to move to approval in August.

3. I&I Study

This item will be discussed under Administrative.
5. New Business:
   1. 72 Windermere, update, John Pare

   This is an information only item. Mr. Pare came to the Tax Collector again asking for a reduction in his assessment. This cannot be done by the Board of Selectmen or the WPCA. The assessment must be paid and also must be paid before any new building permits can be issued.

6. Administrative
   1. Fuss & O’Neill, Project Updates and Billing, Vernon Pump Station

   I&I Study – Marshall Gaston passed out the I&I report showing what was done and what the recommendations are. He reviewed the report with the board members. 78 Manholes were opened with the leaks called out. Some of the water was from sump pumps; they found some sluggish pipes that were flushed. The areas to be camered were also discussed. The three cul-de-sacs, McKnight Circle, Hughes Circle and Lewis Circle had a lot of flow. It was noted that there is a hill behind that area that the water runs down. Curtain drains were installed when the sewer was replaced but not all residents hooked their sump pumps into them. 8 manholes along with the one in front of Center School on Main Street were identified to be lined. Marshall also passed out a draft bid package for the relining of the manholes. He stated that these are the technical specifications and that the Town will add their boiler plate. General Conditions will also need to be added and dates for the bid will have to be determined. Mr. Gaston also stated that notices to the residents will have to be distributed. It was decided that the members would review the document and bring their comments to the July meeting. The bid could go out in August. The estimate for the work is in the area of $60,000.

   Billing,
   MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO FUSS & O’NEILL FOR TASK 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,361.25.

   MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO FUSS & O’NEILL FOR TASK 4A, SUBTASK 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,940.

   MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO FUSS & O’NEILL FOR TASK 9A, SUBTASK 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF $498.75.

   It was noted that the $495 was not removed from the budget sheet for Task 9 as approved last month but will be corrected.
Verron Pump Station Project – Marshall stated that they received the notice to proceed and they are gathering information for the RFQs. They would like to solicit from three pump suppliers to see what they have based on the need. The WPCA was in consensus that F&O would solicit and bring back a recommendation. The lead time to get the pumps should also be a consideration. Fuss & O’Neill would like to go on site to confirm the pipe location, width and depths.

Task Authorization #10 was discussed and it was determined that the on-call pricing for next year would be for the fiscal year rather than calendar year. Mr. Foster asked for a copy of the motion approved by the Board of Selectmen allowing the WPCA to appoint their engineer. Tim Webb will get that to him.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE FUSS & O’NEILL TASK AUTHORIZATION #10 FOR ON CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23.

2. Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports
   i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

   Mr. Webb told the board members that the Center Pump Station has a pump issue. The cost to repair the pump is $7,200; the cost to purchase a new pump is $9,200. The decision was to purchase the new pump. He also stated that the grinder pump cleaning is continuing along with the monthly flushing of the lines at the Police Dept, the Annex and the Ambulance Bldg.

   ii. Other, Overall Budget 2022-23

   Mr. Webb had emailed the sewer user fees schedule for this fiscal year showing receipts slightly below budget.

7. Misc. Communications

   Mr. Webb told the commission that it was a pleasure working with them. They all wished his well.

Adjournment

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DESCHENEAUX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Smith, Recording Secretary