



# Water Pollution Control Authority

## SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 3, 2024 MINUTES

**Members Present:** Dan Parisi (Chair), Paul Gilbert, Shawn Koehler, \*Aaron Foster (6:35pm)

**Members Absent:** Tom Walker

**Others Present:** Tom Modzelewski (WPCA Admin), Marshall Gaston (Fuss & O'Neill), \*Phil Kidney (WPCA Crew Chief), \*David Stavens (Deputy First Selectman)

*\*Attended Via Zoom*

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

### 2. Citizens Forum (non-agenda Items)

None

### 3. Ellington Ave. Sewer Extension Contract Award

Marshall (F&O) reviewed the 7 bids that were received ranging in amounts from \$151,810.00 to \$344,070.00. Marshall informed that the low bidder, Southern Industries Corp. was contacted, but their bid form was illegible, and they do not hold the proper P-7 license for this project, only a home improvement contractor's license in the state of CT. He also stated he was unable to contact any references.

Marshall presented his letter of recommendation to award the next lowest bidder, Hinckley Construction, Inc., this project. Hinckley Construction has been the General Contractor on 3 recent projects and received great references. Marshall also stated that the bid tab for Hinckley was in order. Marshall recommends that the Board award Hinckley Construction, Inc. this project for the bid price of \$251,985.00.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AWARD THE ELLINGTON AVENUE SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT TO HINCKLEY CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

#### **4. Congressionally Directed Spending Grant**

During the March 20, 2024, Regular Meeting the Board approved Tom M. (WPCA Admin) to apply for the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant. Since that meeting Tom was made aware, by Arron Foster (Member) that the grant request amount should be greater than the amount/projects previously discussed. Tom M. (WPCA Admin) recommended that the request be around \$750,000.00 with a 10% match from the WPCA proposed to complete I&I work that has been found in the recent study. Shawn Koehler (Member) asked if we could use this grant to help the area of Town that has failing Orangeburg laterals. Tom M. stated that the application for this grant is due on April 14, 2024, and he thinks it is best that the focus is on items that are already engineered and in process, as there may not be time to collect all the needed information for new items in time to apply, Paul Gilbert (Member) agreed.

Aaron (Member) suggested we submit 2 applications, one for the current I&I study and one for the laterals. Further discussion on the areas of focus was had and Marshall (F&O) was asked to provide an Engineers' Opinion of Cost on the repair of the sewer mains and laterals in the Farmstead Ln. area of Town.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE TOM MODZELEWSKI (WPCA ADMIN) APPLY FOR \$850,000.00 WITH A 10% WPCA MATCH FOR CURRENTLY STUDIED I&I WORK.**

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE TOM MODZELEWSKI (WPCA ADMIN) ALSO APPLY FOR THE GRANT FOR REPAIR OF THE SEWER MAINS AND LATERALS ON FARMSTEAD LANE FROM MIDDLE BUTCHER RD. TO CHARTER RD. AS NEEDED, IN THE AMOUNT OF THE ON-CALL ENGINEERS OPINION OF COST.**

#### **5. Update on Color Choice for Doors at Vernon Pump Station**

Tom M. (WPCA Admin) provided an update that the color Hunter green was chosen for the door color at the Vernon Pump Station.

#### **6. Purchasing Thresholds**

Tom M. (WPCA Admin) discussed the Town's purchasing policy and asked the Board if there is a purchasing threshold in place in which Board approval is not required, especially in emergent situations.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CAP THE PUCHASING THRESHOLD FOR TOM MODZELEWSKI (WPCA ADMIN) AT \$12,000.00 WITH OUT BOARD APPROVAL.**

#### **7. Pump for Center Pump Station**

A quote for a new pump for Center Pump Station was presented. There is currently no spare on hand as it was just used to replace the failing pump.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO PURCHASE A SPARE PUMP FOR CENTER PUMP STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,966.00.**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Kidney".

Carolyn Kidney, Administrative Assistant II, DPW