

Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2014

The Town of East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority regular meeting of September 2, 2014 was held at 5:30 P.M. at the Town of Colchester--Town of East Hampton Wastewater Treatment Plant, 20 Gildersleeve Drive, East Hampton, CT. All members were in attendance:

Mark Barmasse, Chairman
Ralph Nesci
David Kelsey

Daniel Valentine
John Suprono

Also attending was Ronald Hastings, Rick Berkenstock and Sue Carr representing 255 East High Street and Vincent F. Susco, Jr., Public Utilities Administrator.

Call to Order

Chairman Barmasse called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and appointed Mr. Susco as Recording Secretary for these proceedings.

Chairman Barmasse called for agenda item #5.D *Sewer Development* in order to accommodate the representatives of 255 East High Street. Upon motion by Mr. Valentine, seconded by Mr. Nesci, the motion carried unanimously.

Management recapped the background of the request and distributed to all members the August 28, 2014 Chatham Health District "Site Investigation Report for A Sewage Disposal System" at 255 East High Street (made part of the minutes). Mr. Susco indicated the May 20, 2008 Public Hearing was clear that no property along the route would be required to connect unless there was a known health risk associated with the sewage disposal system. WPCA action on the request for a sewer connection waiver is not necessary as the report indicated the property is in compliance with the Connecticut Public Health Code. The members agreed and the request for the waiver was withdrawn.

Ronald Hastings, Rick Berkenstock and Sue Carr thanked the members of the Commission and left the meeting at 5:40 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Barmasse called for the approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 5, 2014. Upon motion from Mr. Kelsey, seconded by Mr. Valentine the minutes of the meeting were approved 5-0.

Public Remarks

There was no public in attendance.

Review of Correspondence

The correspondence list is attached and Made part of these minutes. No questions were presented by the memebrs.

Joint Facilities Committee

Chairmen Barmasse indicated there was no regular scheduled meeting of the Joint Facilities in August. Their next meeting is September 16, 2014.

Operations, Management & Budget Committee

Mr. Barmasse called for the current fiscal year budget status. Mr. Susco indicated the current information was not available at the time of this meeting.

Mr. Susco indicated the end of the year information for the water budget was not available at the last meeting and presented the following information. End of year expenses for both water systems totaled \$109,683.39 or 93.20% leaving a balance of \$7,994.61. Revenues totaled \$93,346.72 leaving a transfer from the Town of \$16,336.67. This transfer was \$7,562.33 less than the budgeted amount as a result of the actual expense balance. Management responded to several questions of the members.

Public Water Systems

The Village Center Water System continued to run within parameters during the period. Work has been completed on the installation of the Bevin Boulevard water main. The water main passed the required hydraulic test and the road has been paved all before the school session was opened. Satisfactory bacteriological analysis is required before the water service can be activated. The sewer lateral has been installed.

Mr. Susco explained there was a high degree of difficulty associated with the installation as a result of rock. This resulted in cost overruns equal to \$6,800.00.

Well pump #3 at the Royal Oaks Water System recently failed. Subsurface Technology has been contracted to perform the annual "Aqua Gard Service" and replace the well pump for \$5,699.00. The work was included in the annual budget. The work is expected to be completed in one week.

With the well off-line the Royal Oaks Water System continues to run within parameters. The demand was met by the increased pumping of well #1 and the Memorial School well. The timing of the failure and the current warm weather has resulted in an increase in demand and maintenance was required on the iron and manganese filters. To date there have been no water quality concerns.

Mr. Susco reported the State Department of Health (DPH) has determined that insufficient information has been provided to reach a decision on the Phase 1B application of Hampton Woods. On August 19, 2014 the Developer's Engineer responded to their concerns. Mr. Susco provided details of their response that the WPCA will address.

The well site inspections for the "Villages at Long Crossing" was completed on July 25, 2014. Comments were submitted on August 1, 2014 to the DOHS and PURA. No response has been received as of yet.

Mr. Barmasse updated the members on the Water Development Task Force held on August 14, 2014. The members discussed the actions of previous Water Task Forces.

Sewer Development

Work on the sewer installation at Edgewater Hill is progressing.

Old Business

The members discussed the progress of replacing the Public Utilities Administrator. Management distributed the latest revisions to the job description received from Mr. Paggioli. Additional comments from the WPCA members will be forwarded to Mr. Susco for incorporation and presentation to the Joint Facilities at their September 16, 2014 meeting.

Management continues to receive updates on the loss at the Hawthorne Road Lift Station. Currently the deductible (\$10,000.00) is being subrogated by the insurance company. A subrogation specialist has been in communication with the responsible party and a payment arrangement is being worked out.

New Business

Mr. Valentine requested that the current non-residential connection charge (\$1.00/square foot minimum of \$2,500.00) be revisited with the intent of aligning the charge more closely with the intended use of the property. The members requested management to research what had been done in the past and place the item on the agenda of future meetings.

Sewer Use Public Hearing

At this time (6:40 P.M.) Chairman Barmasse called for a recess of the meeting in order to conduct the 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing on Sewer Use charges for 2014/15.

The meeting resumed at 7:11 P.M.

Establish Sewer Use Rate and Miscellaneous Revenue Charges

Chairman Barmasse indicated no public attended the recently conducted Public Hearing. Management recapped the reasoning for the proposed changes:

Managements recommended sewer user fee for F/Y 2014/15 takes into account the following:

- The April 1, 2014 approved operating expense budget of \$1,115,865.00.
- Expenses associated with maintaining Town owned grinder pumps. No increase is warranted this year.
- Continue to offset the costs associated with the August 5, 2008 Second Amendment of the 2004 Sewerage Transit & Disposal Agreement with Marlborough.
- Provide sensitivity to rates while assuring parity with the sister towns.

The following resolution moved by Mr. Kelsey, seconded by Mr. Nesci was approved by a 4-1 vote with Mr. Suprono voting in the negative:

RESOLVED: Effective October 1, 2014 the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of East Hampton does hereby establish the gravity sewer user rate at \$330.00 per EDU unit and an additional \$125.00 for properties with grinder pumps maintained by the WPCA.

Management presented no increase of the current miscellaneous revenue fees for this year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Mr. Nesci motioned and Mr. Valentine seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. So voted 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V F Susco, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Vincent F. Susco, Jr.
Recording Secretary

Approved by unanimous vote of the Water Pollution Control Authority on October 7, 2014.