

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015

PRESENT: William Brennan, Eric Fanwick, David Taylor, Rick Tomasetti
Absent: Andrea Preston, Bill Follett

OTHERS: Pete Lucia, Manager Integrated Systems; Tom Thurkettle, Director of Public Works;
Mike Ahern, Field Engineer Absent: Sandra Dennies, CFO

GUESTS: Chris Kerin, Holt McChord, Peter Downend, Mrs. Bob Louzan and children

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order

Mr. Brennan called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Approval of the Minutes for the June 10, 2015 Regular Meeting

Mr. Brennan made a motion to approve the Minutes, David Taylor seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

FOG Program

Mike Ahern handed out the consultant's testing report, which is now 100% completed. Of the 54 facilities involved, 13 did not meet the State limits, resulting in a 76% success rate. Retesting will start in the next month or two for those facilities that failed. Mr. Brennan commented that we must comply with the inter-local agreement with Norwalk for this program. Mike will continue his follow-up.

Generator Update

There is a purchase order for \$37,000, with an additional \$7,500 for the fuel tank installation. The priorities are to install the new tank, put in the generator and remove the old tank. Mr. Brennan asked Tom about the roof repairs, painting and louvers. This work has not yet started and Tom will get quotes. This item will be on next month's Agenda for a status update. It appears we will be under the \$60,000 appropriated in terms of meeting expenses.

385 Danbury Road Assessment (Goddard School)

Chris Kerin of Kerin Fazio gave a brief summary of the exterior inspections he conducted for purposes of estimating the retrospective sewer assessment for this facility. Their sewer assessment calculation indicates a balance of \$6,336 is now due, but did not include the \$4,200 fee to Norwalk for the 1.5"

domestic water meter. Tom Thurkettle commented that the \$4,200 was not a look-back but rather an add-on so the full amount due would be \$10,536. Pete Lucia reminded the Authority that there needs to be a Public Hearing for the assessment, including a notice in the newspapers. All four members present agreed to set the Public Hearing for the next scheduled meeting of the WPCA, which is August 12th.

Sewer Line Request, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Louzan, 342 Belden Hill Road

Holt McChord spoke on behalf of the Louzans to explain the proposed hook-up. Mr. Fanwick asked if the Louzans would be assessed by the WPCA. Mr. Thurkettle replied that the Louzans would get a Capital Assessment, based on the formula for a residence. He gave a rough estimate of \$15,223. Tom advised that a ten-foot easement is needed; and Mr. McChord agreed, saying it would need to be in favor of the homeowner to allow them to connect from the property line to the sewer connection vault on the town-owned school property. This easement request must go before the Board of Selectmen to approve. Mr. Brennan explained that this is a routine matter and the layout of the sewer line with the connection vaults accommodated any future residential sewer hook-up requests. Tom informed Mrs. Louzan that once they are hooked-up there is an annual user charge of \$214.00 per unit. Mrs. Louzan acknowledged this.

Miller-Driscoll School Sewer Connection

Mr. McChord reviewed the schematic to show how M-D is connecting to the town sewer. The new building will have new points of discharge tying into the main sewer. Some lines will stay the same but there will also be new connections. Mr. Brennan added that M-D will connect to the gas line being put in before roads are paved in September. Mr. McChord said they are working with the water company to get water service in place prior to that. They sent Tom their review of the previous number of classrooms, how many there will be and the size of the cafeteria so he can assess for the sewer charge. When the new construction is completed, there will need to be a look-back type Capital Assessment, according to Tom.

Approvals

Mr. Brennan made a motion to approve the Louzan request as indicated in Holt McChord's drawings; David Taylor seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Brennan next made a motion to approve the lateral connections as outlined in Mr. McChord's drawings for the Miller-Driscoll school sewer connection. David Taylor seconded and the motion carried unanimously. There was some discussion regarding the Belden Hill assessment. Per Tom, this will happen after the sewer tie-in is completed.

Patrick Downend – Sewer Plans for Consideration

Mr. Downend presented drawings for this 30-unit apartment building at 31 Old Danbury Road. Per Mr. Thurkettle a sewer benefit analysis for assessment will be conducted because of the new connections to the sewer. The user charge is based on 30 units @ \$214/per unit, this year's rate, or at the rate in effect when the construction is completed. Mr. Brennan corrected him in that this is a sewer extension, not just a lateral connection. Once this extension is in place to service the property, it would benefit any future development of town-adjacent property. The builder is paying for this extension and wetlands

review was already done for the site. Once the extension is accepted by the Town, the Town is then responsible for the maintenance of the main sewer line only.

Mr. Brennan made a motion to approve the sewer plans and connections for this 30-unit apartment building. Eric Fanwick seconded. Mr. Taylor voted to approve, but Mr. Tomasetti voted no, for a final vote of 3-1.

Other Business

Mr. Brennan will follow-up on whether or not Mr. Taylor and Ms. Preston are sworn in.

The Norwalk visit is still pending, but not yet scheduled. (Tom Thurkettle to follow up)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Kris Fager
Recording Secretary