

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

PRESENT: Lynne Vanderslice, Eric Fanwick, Bill Follett; Andrea Preston, David Taylor,
Rick Tomasetti

OTHERS: Anne Kelly-Lenz, CFO; Pete Lucia, Manager Integrated Systems;
Tom Thurkettle, Director of Public Works; Mike Ahern, Field Engineer

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 12, 2015 and the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2015

Ms. Vanderslice asked if all had an opportunity to review the minutes. As there were no comments or corrections, Bill Follett made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as written; Andrea Preston seconded and carried unanimously, with Ms. Vanderslice abstaining.

FOG Program Update

Mike Ahern gave a recap, explaining that we are in the third year of the program, in keeping with the State General Permit and the Interlocal Agreement between Norwalk and Wilton. The program is comprised of 54 facilities. Mike reported testing of 53 facilities is complete, with the remaining one to be done in the next week. He will bring final results to next month's meeting. Of the 54, 80% have re-registered with the program, and Mr. Ahern does follow up with late payers, and those late getting re-registered. The fees for testing are \$250/year per facility to cover the sampling and administrative costs. Mr. Thurkettle added that if a facility doesn't clean its grease traps and pass the initial test, then there is another charge of \$250 for the retesting involved. Mike said recent meetings had discussion about the retesting procedure and possible alternate ways to manage those retests. Lynne replied this could be brought up again at a future meeting.

Bill Follett asked Mike and Tom about what data the meter at the pipe at the Norwalk border registers. A specific incident was cited, and Mike said that the incidents of grease clogs are improving due to improved compliance with the program.

Generator Update

Mr. Thurkettle stated that the generator is running well and the old underground tank has been removed. Of the original budgeted \$60,000, \$43,000 has been spent. The building is to be painted and fascia boards repaired. He feels that the project will be well under \$50,000. Discussion ensued about the old generator we've kept and possible use for it. Since the Fire Department was mentioned at last month's meeting, Ms. Vanderslice suggested Tom bring this up at the next day's Operating Committee Meeting to see if the FD had interest in it. David Taylor thought having a good back-up might be beneficial for Fire Station 2. Tom replied that a back-up mounted on a trailer would eat into the budget, because we would have to buy a trailer. He may consider it for the Transfer Station and will advise if that is feasible. Rick Tomasetti felt a trailer-mounted back-up would not work, as the generator would need to be run fairly often to keep it in good working condition. He suggested perhaps CERT could use it.

Other Business

Ms. Vanderslice asked if there was any other business, or if anyone had information they wanted to bring to her attention.

342 Belden Hill: Mr. Thurkettle stated we are waiting for the Easement Agreement to be signed by the property owners. Then the final Agreement gets filed with the Town and a permit is required for the connection. As this is still not finalized, there is no capital assessment yet.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Follett brought up the trip to the Norwalk waste treatment facility that had been originally discussed for the spring, suggesting they may wish to consider it sometime in 2016. Mr. Fanwick spoke of the progress the WPCA has made since its inception. Mr. Tomasetti suggested becoming familiar with the Interlocal Agreement and the rate structure.

There was a brief discussion about capital assessments that included how the look-back is done when a building has an addition put on its property or if it is considered a new building, as well as some history on specific assessments that were problematic. Pete Lucia added that now there is a process in place, with Kerin conducting the assessments, the last few done have been fine. Mr. Thurkettle spoke about the purpose of reserve funds in the WPCA budget and their specific uses. Mr. Lucia elaborated on the reserves and also explained other budget history.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn made by Mr. Fanwick, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Kris Fager
Recording Secretary