

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT: William F. Brennan, Jim Newton, Al Stauderman, Richard Tomasetti,

ABSENT: Eric Fanwick

OTHERS: Casey Healy, Gregory and Adams; Tom Therkettle, Director of Public Works; Joe Dolan, CFO

Call to Order

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A MOTION was made by Mr. Tomasetti, seconded by Mr. Newton and carried unanimously to approve the February 11, 2009 minutes.

Review of Norwalk WPCA letter proposing a new 20-year agreement

Chairman Brennan opened the meeting by saying that the main order of business was to discuss the two consultants that had submitted their profiles and qualifications to the WPCA for consideration surrounding the *Interlocal Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Services by and Between The Norwalk Water Pollution Control Authority and the Town of Wilton Water Pollution Control Authority*; [Milone & MacBroom and Stearns & Wheler].

He said that he felt Stearns & Wheler had more wastewater experience than Milone & MacBroom and although Milone & MacBroom have done work for the Town, they have not done wastewater projects here. Since both companies costs are about the same in terms of fees he felt that the experience Stearns & Wheler could offer along with their credentials made them a better fit for the job at hand.

Mr. Stauderman agreed with Chairman Brennan's assessment and said that while Milone & MacBroom are very impressive and do a very credible job, Stearns & Wheler have better credentials as far as what the Town is looking for with this particular project.

The other Committee Members concurred with Chairman Brennan and Mr. Stauderman in choosing Stearns & Wheler to assist the Town with the new Agreement.

Mr. Newton asked about costs and Chairman Brennan suggested that the Board put a cap on the level of spending for the consulting company once they establish what they want the consultants to do.

He added that he would want to meet with them and request an engagement letter. A standard letter of agreement would be sufficient with a fee schedule.

Mr. Dolan asked if the WPCA was interested in engaging Stearns & Wheler before the next WPCA meeting, and everyone agreed to authorize Chairman Brennan to engage the consultants, subject to a cap, prior to the next meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Stauderman to authorize Chairman Brennan to engage Stearns & Wheler as consultants to the Wilton Water Pollution Control Authority for the Interlocal Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Services by and Between the Norwalk Water Pollution Control Authority and the Town of Wilton Water Pollution Control Authority, subject to a cap of \$18,000, (to include out-of-pocket expenses) subject to revision if necessary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tomasetti and carried unanimously.

Other Business

Chairman Brennan said that he had just received a letter from Dr. Richards, Superintendent of the Wilton Public Schools regarding wastewater handling at the Miller/Driscoll School along with a study that had been done by Stearns & Wheler based on the possibility of expansion at the school. Chairman Brennan added that they don't think that expanding the school will be necessary since enrollment is down. If anything they may have to do some renovation rather than an expansion.

A brief discussion among those present followed regarding possible solutions for handling the Miller/Driscoll wastewater system and whether a sewer line could somehow be incorporated with the Sisters of Notre Dame's facility on Belden Hill. Chairman Brennan said that he would discuss the legal implications of this with Town counsel.

The Committee agreed to review the information provided on Miller/Driscoll and there being no further business, Chairman Brennan adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mariana Corrado
Recording Secretary