

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Present:

Mr. Robert Smith, Chairman
Mr. Daniel Civitello
Mr. Paul Phillips

Absent:

Ms. Noa Miller
Mr. Ted Mannello

Also in attendance:

Mr. Michael Angieri, Consulting Engineer
Mr. Ed Bailly, WPCA Employee
Mr. Kenneth Long, WPCA Employee
Attorney Jennifer Yoxall, WPCA Counsel
Attorney Brian Henebry, WPCA Counsel
Mr. John Dayton, representing Middlebury Congregational Church
Mr. John Milone, Milone & MacBroom
Dr. Mike Ferrara, 120 Skyline Dr
Ms. Jeanine Hammitt, representing Middlebury Convelescent Home
Ms. Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Robert Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Approval of June 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Daniel Civitello to accept the meeting minutes of June 16, 2015, as is. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

3. Old and New Business:

a) John Dayton, Middlebury Congregational Church re: User Fee:

Mr. John Dayton, representing the Middlebury Congregational Church, approached the WPCA to discuss concerns that the user fee for the church went from \$700 per year to \$2055. Mr. Dayton clarified that his concerns are regarding the fee for the church itself, which falls under the commercial category user fee, and not the parsonage, which is understandably a residence. Mr. Dayton described the church as having four bathrooms, no showers and a rarely used kitchen. The church water usage has cost approximately \$100 a year so, obviously, there would not be a lot of sewer usage.

In order to be more fair for the actual usage, Mr. Dayton requested the WPCA consider adding a user fee category for churches which do not use the sewer in the same capacity as typical commercial entities.

Mr. Smith reported that the WPCA will be reviewing the revenue status and projected revenue at the December meeting which is half way through the fiscal year. At that point, the WPCA will consider the request to add a user fee category which would more appropriately match the usage for churches.

b) Jeanine Hammitt, Middlebury Convalescent Home RE: User Fee:

Ms. Jeanine Hammitt, as a representative of the Middlebury Convalescent Home, expressed concern about the large increase in the sewer user fees. Mr. Smith reiterated that the issue of user fees will be addressed at the mid-year review in Dec.

c) John Milone, Milone & MacBroom, Capacity Appl. For The Village:

Mr. John Milone approached the WPCA with a capacity application for The Village at Stone Cliff which is the parcel of land formerly known as Straw Pond. Mr. Milone presented a design which is very scaled back from the previous proposed development. This development would include 40 detached, two bedroom homes and a building with 90 one or two bedroom units. This development will be an age restricted, common interest community. It has not yet been determined if the apartments will be assisted living or not. This design takes into account all the concerns of the previous development including a bridge over wetlands to prevent an impact on the amphibian wildlife. The capacity application is for 16,500 gallons.

Since the WPCA members and engineer only received this application today, the application could not be voted on at this time.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the application for review, contingent on the application being complete. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

3. Old and New Business (continued):

d) 120 Skyline Dr, Mike Ferrara, proposed new construction, Capacity Appl.:

Dr. Mike Ferrara presented a capacity application for sewer capacity for a new lot at 120 Skyline Drive where there are existing sewers but no existing connection.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Civitello to approve the application for capacity pending payment of the assessment fee when the building permit is pulled. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

e) Hunting Ridge – Second Amendment:

Attorney Jennifer Yoxall reported that the Hunting Ridge development has paid their assessment owed of \$195,500 which was originally due in 2011 but was provided a five-year extension which included accrual of interest. Although the assessment has now been paid, there is still the matter of \$48,900 of accrued interest. The developer has requested an amendment allowing

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Phillips to make a second amendment to the sewer use agreement to divide the total amount of interest owed (\$48,875) by the number of lots (23). The amount per unit (\$2125) will be paid as each lot is sold. No further interest shall accrue. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

f) WPCA's contract with Naugatuck:

Mr. Smith reports that he and Attorney Brian Henebry have reviewed various scenarios for possible outcomes. This matter is still in the discovery phase and there are no other developments on this matter.

g) Printer for the WPCA:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Civitello to approve the purchase of a new laser printer for the WPCA office. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

h) Monthly Expenses:

The bills were distributed for review and signed by the Chairman for payment.

4. Staff Discussions:

A and B. Pump Stations - station upgrade project and Collection System:

Mr. Ed Bailly reported that the check valves are needing to be replaced but they are now obsolete. Mr. Bailly reports that Nickerson provided a general estimate of \$6,000 for replacement of both valves with the new valve design. Mr. Bailly agreed to obtain a detailed estimate and this matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Mr. Bailly reports that the service agreement from Air Associates for the electronics at the new pump stations was unreasonably high because of inclusion of a number of things that are unnecessary. Mr. Bailly reports they will review and modify the agreement to what is appropriate and then return to Air Associates for a price.

Mr. Bailly reported the need to look into obtaining replacement parts for the new pump stations, some of which have been in service for 18 months already. The gas detector sensors will cost approximately \$1500 for each station every 18-24 mo. In addition, calibration gas will need to be purchased in the near future.

There was some discussion about the Southford Rd station which is now 30 years old and will need to be considered for replacement.

5. Adjournment of Meeting:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Civitello and seconded by Mr. Phillips to conclude the WPCA meeting at 8:24 p.m. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Del Vicario

Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk, September 16, 2015

cc: WPCA members
Board of Selectman
Edith Salisbury, Town Clerk
Directors of Health
Mike Angieri, P.E.
Jennifer Yoxall, Attorney
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