

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Present:

Mr. Robert Smith, Chairman
Ms. Noa Miller
Mr. Daniel Civitello
Mr. Ted Mannello
Mr. Paul Phillips

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Mr. Michael Angieri, Consulting Engineer
Mr. Ed Bailly, WPCA Employee
Mr. Kenneth Long, WPCA Employee
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 October 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Daniel Civitello and seconded by Mr. Paul Phillips to accept the meeting minutes of October 20, 2015, as is. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

3. Old and New Business:

a) Susan Drelichowski, 320 Lake Shore Dr, re: Sewer Assessment:

Ms. Susan Drelichowski approached the WPCA to discuss the hardship that the requirement to connect to the sewer places on her. Ms. Drelichowski reported that she lives alone in a home, which has a perfectly functioning septic system, and she sees no need to connect to the sewer at any time in the near future. The cost of assessment plus interest places a great hardship on her financially. In addition, Ms. Drelichowski has obtained an estimate of \$12,000 for the pumps required to connect to the gravity feed sewer because her home is down a steep incline. Ms. Drelichowski had previously received an extension for the payment of the assessment with 5% interest and the requirement that she connect to the sewer by October 1, 2017. Ms. Drelichowski requested the WPCA make an exception to these requirements given the hardship it imposes.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Ted Mannello and seconded by Ms. Noa Miller to approve Ms. Drelichowski's request to delay connection to the sewer until the property is sold or until the septic fails, whichever comes first. In addition, the interest on the assessment fee is waived. These approvals are contingent on payment of the \$7,000 assessment fee by October 1, 2017. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

b) 2016 WPCA Meeting Schedule:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the WPCA 2016 meeting schedule (attached). This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

c) Hunting Ridge – Second Amendment:

There was nothing new on this matter.

d) WPCA's contract with Naugatuck:

There was nothing new on this matter.

e) 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. Smith noted that, although the WPCA often cancels the December meeting, the meeting will be held next month to provide the opportunity to review the user fee rate increase and compare it to expenses to determine if a modification to the rate is in order.

Mr. Ed Bailly and Mr. Kenneth Long stated that there are no major issues to report. Mr. Bailly reports the new check valves for Southford Rd have been ordered.

Mr. Long reported that his cell phone has started to experience problems with the touch screen feature. A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mannello to approve for Mr. Long and Mr. Bailly to upgrade to new cell phones. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. Michael Angieri presented numerical projections he developed for WPCA expenses and income for consideration on the issue of user fees. Mr. Angieri's projections included estimates for expenses such as the Naugatuck contract and estimates for expected assessment income.

5. Adjournment of Meeting:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Civitello and seconded by Mr. Phillips to conclude the WPCA meeting at 8:15 p.m. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Del Vicario

Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk, November 18, 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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