

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Present:

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

Absent:

Ms. Noa Miller

Also in attendance:

Mr. Michael Angieri, Consulting Engineer
Mr. Ed Bailly, WPCA Employee
Attorney Jennifer Yoxall, WPCA Counsel
Ms. Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk
Attorney Michael McVerry, Representing Wesson Energy
Mr. Jack Star, 2 Sandy Beach Rd, Representing Wesson Energy
An Engineer representing Wesson Energy
Mr. Andrew Grace, 107 Periwinkle Dr

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Approval of February 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Daniel Civitello and seconded by Mr. Paul Phillips to accept the meeting minutes of February 17, 2015, as amended below. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

In list of attendees and in the body of the minutes, correction of names:

Kathy Castagnetta, Woodbury Town Planner
Attorney Mark Malaspina of Carmody, Torrance, Sandak and Hennessey

Insert between the second and third sentences of the fourth paragraph of item 3a) West Shore Owners Association:

Mr. Smith asked that West Shore Owners Association rather than the WPCA be responsible for sending copies to Woodbury.

Replace the last sentence of item 4 a/b Pump Stations, third paragraph, with the following:

Mr. Smith recommended sending payment for the contracted amount indicating the invoice is paid in full. Attorney Yoxall said she would discuss this with one of the firm's litigators.

3. Old and New Business:

a) Wesson Energy, 504-520 Middlebury Rd, Capacity App & \$250 fee paid:

Representatives for Wesson Energy presented a plan for a proposed gas station and convenience store which will replace the current Shell station and utilize two adjoining properties that were formally the site of a pizza restaurant and an ice cream stand. The proposed building will double the square footage and water usage of the current gas station but will still be less than the three former buildings combined. Some design specifics have not been finalized but Wesson and Mr. Michael Angieri agreed that 800 gallons of capacity per day would provide sufficient capacity for all the potential designs and still allow flexibility.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Ted Mannello and seconded by Mr. Daniel Civitello to approve this capacity application for 800 gallons per day. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. Angieri reminded Wesson that they will need to provide plans showing the sanitary design and that there is a minimum assessment of \$8500.

b) Andrew Grace, 107 Periwinkle Dr, Middlebury, CT (Benson Woods)

Mr. Andrew Grace approached the WPCA as a homeowner in Benson Woods with a list of questions and concerns regarding the private sewer use agreement between Middlebury Land Development (MLD) and the WPCA. Mr. Smith requested that Mr. Angieri review these questions and address them at the next meeting.

Mr. Grace indicated that MLD has not been forthcoming with answers to the questions the homeowners have regarding this agreement. Mr. Grace expressed concern about assessments and interest paid or owed based on this agreement and how the Homeowners Association would be obligated if MLD abandons the remainder of the development due to poor sales.

Mr. Smith noted there have been no reports from the developer to date but, after Mr. Angieri reviews the matter, he will recommend at the next meeting whether to request a report from MLD or to have them come before the WPCA to discuss these concerns. Mr. Grace agreed to return before the WPCA to discuss this matter further.

c) WPCA Budget 2015-2016 – 2nd Draft (Updated YTD to 2/28/15):

The members discussed changes to the latest draft of the WPCA budget. Mr. Angieri noted that assessments to Naugatuck will likely increase dramatically in the near future which could obligate the WPCA to payments of \$600,000 or more a year. The members agreed on the importance of creating a surplus fund to prepare for this increase and other new expenses.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the approval of the WPCA Budget 2015-2016 – 3rd Draft. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

3. Old and New Business (continued):

d) Naugatuck Contract – Naugatuck vs Veolia:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Civitello and seconded by Mr. Phillips to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of pending claims regarding the Naugatuck contract and the WPCA contract with Naugatuck. Invited into the executive session were Attorney Yoxall and Mr. Angieri. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Civitello to exit the executive session. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

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. Angieri presented a 5-10 year capital plan for the member's review noting the aging infrastructure of the older pump stations and other repairs to be expected in the next 10 years including 3 underground fuel tanks that will need to be removed.

There was discussion about the pump station at Christian Rd which, with the Triangle Blvd homes being razed, there will be only 3 houses remaining for this station. There was discussion of alternatives which might provide sufficient service for these three homes. It was also noted there is a possibility of Huntington Ridge being developed or the state possibly using the Triangle Blvd land for commercial development.

Mr. Bailly reports the old generators were sold for a total of \$4750 to someone who will be shipping them to Haiti. Mr. Bailly also reported a minor issue with one of the new generators in one of the upgraded pump stations which is being addressed.

5. Adjournment of Meeting:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Civitello and seconded by Mr. Smith to conclude the WPCA meeting at 8:50 p.m. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Del Vicario

Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk, March 19, 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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