

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Present:

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

Absent:

Mr. Daniel Civitello
Ms. Noa Miller

Also in attendance:

Attorney Jennifer Yoxall, WPCA Counsel
Mr. Ed Bailly, WPCA Employee
Mr. Michael Angieri, Consulting Engineer
Mr. George Caughman, Milone and MacBroom
Mr. Peter Yeskey, First Hartford Development
Mr. Jim Straub, Representing Straits Crossing
Ms. Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Acceptance of June 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Paul Phillips to accept the meeting minutes of June 16, 2020, as is. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

3. Old and New Business:

- a) Cumberland Farms, 1680 Straits Tpk, Revised Capacity Application w/\$250 fee:
- b) Straits Crossing LLC, 1685 Straits Tpk, Capacity Application w/\$250 fee:
- c) Industrial Development Group, LLC, 1700 Straits Tpk, Capacity Application, \$250 :

These three capacity applications were considered together.

Mr. Paul Yesky, representing Cumberland Farms, noted their request is a modification on the capacity requested due to some design changes made since the original application.

Mr. Michael Angieri recommended the WPCA approve these capacity applications.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ted Mannello to approve these three capacity applications. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

d) Consideration of Straits Turnpike Sewer Line Extension:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mannello to schedule a public hearing to discuss the Straits Tpk sewer line extension at the next regular meeting of the WPCA (the third Tuesday in October). This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

e) WPCA Contract with Naugatuck:

There was nothing new on this matter.

f) West Shore Update:

Attorney Jennifer Yoxall reported that all the individual reports have been received and are being reviewed.

g) Monthly Expenses:

Mr. Smith reports he has gone into the WPCA office to review and sign the bills.

4. Staff Discussions:

A and B. Pump Stations and Collection Systems:

Mr. Ed Bailly reported on the status of various maintenance projects. Mr. Bailly indicated plans to paint the inside of the Glen Eagle pump station due to unreasonably high quotes received.

Mr. Bailly reported that First Selectman Ed St. John recommended installing a security system at the Christian Rd and Southford Road pump stations for a cost of \$4,785.22.

4. Staff Discussions, A and B. Pump Stations and Collection Systems (continued):

Mr. Bailly reported that the town plans to eliminate regular phone lines and move to Voice Over Internet Protocol for a significant cost savings. Mr. Bailly noted the WPCA does not need the phones at any of the pump station locations except for one. Otherwise, the only need for phones are the fire alarms. For the WPCA to join in this savings, the fire alarm panels would need to be changed out for a cost of \$3,777.07.

The members discussed concerns about ensuring a means of obtaining help in an emergency. Mr. Bailly reported that there are alarms in the wells that can be set off in an emergency. Meanwhile, the current phones are located by the doorway where cell service is available.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Paul Phillips to approve the modifications to the fire alarm panels, phone system and installing the security systems as noted above. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. George Caughman reported that the pump station upgrades is 98% complete and the final cost of the upgrades is likely to come in within a few thousand dollars of the original budget.

Mr. Caughman reported the Benson Rd. bids were originally due tomorrow but the due date has been extended until next week. This construction on this project is not expected to start until late 2021.

Mr. Smith noted that bonding costs for the pump station upgrades is 1.5%. Additionally old debt has been refinanced at a rate of .82%, which will provide a significant savings over the life of the bond.

5. Adjournment of Meeting:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Ted Mannello and seconded by Mr. Paul Phillips to conclude the WPCA meeting at 7:58 p.m. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Del Vicario

Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk, September 16, 2020

cc: WPCA members
Board of Selectman
Brigitte Bessette, Town Clerk
Directors of Health
Mike Angieri, P.E.
Jennifer Yoxall, Attorney
Brian Henebry, Attorney
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