

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Present:

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

Absent:

Mr. Daniel Civitello

Also in attendance:

Mr. Michael Angieri, Consulting Engineer
Attorney Brian Henebry, WPCA Counsel
Mr. Ed Bailly, WPCA Employee
Mr. George Caughman, Milone & MacBroom
Mr. Tom Knowlton, Milone & MacBroom
Mr. Jeff Grossberg, Representing Benson Woods Development
Ms. Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Acceptance of October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ted Mannello to accept the meeting minutes of October 20, 2020, as amended below. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

The correct spelling of the Straits Crossing representative is: Mr. Jim Strub

3. Old and New Business:

a) Drubner Commercial LLC re: Lot 3 1 7, request removal “sewer avoidance”:

There was no representative from Drubner Commercial present at this meeting. This matter will be postponed until a representative can attend a WPCA meeting.

b) Mike Mahan – 492 Middlebury Rd, dewatering site for \$6.20 per 1000 gallons:

Mr. Angieri reported that this item relates to the charges for dewatering at this site. Since the groundwater is being trucked off site to a disposal site in MA, this process is intended to be a backup solution.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Mannello and seconded by Ms. Noa Miller to approve the rate of \$6.20 per 1000 gallon charge for groundwater discharge. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

3. Old and New Business (continued):

c) WPCA 2019-2020 Annual Report (1st Draft – final due 12/3/20)

Mr. Smith and Mr. Angieri will review the draft and submit the annual report.

d) WPCA Contract with Naugatuck:

There was nothing new on this matter.

e) West Shore Update:

Mr. Angieri reported that he and Attorney Jennifer Yoxall have been reviewed the reports received and there were still several items that were not clearly answered. West Shore has been requested to seek further details to ensure they are protected from system problems.

Added to the Agenda: Benson Woods Development Assessment:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Phillips to add this item to the agenda. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. Jeff Grossberg of Middlebury Land Development, discussed the background of the sewer use agreement for Benson Woods having been amended last in 2010 to provide an extension to the sewer use agreement with interest being accumulated at a rate of 2% with payment of the assessment and interest due at the end of the 10 year extension. Mr. Grossberg requested another extension with the same terms as the previous extension. Mr. Grossberg agreed to submit the details of this request through a letter to be submitted to the WPCA.

Mr. Smith stated that the letter will be accepted and this matter will be discussed and decided upon at the next meeting of the WPCA.

f) Monthly Expenses:

Mr. Smith reported he will be going into the office of the WPCA to sign bills for payment.

5. Staff Discussions:

A and B. Pump Stations and Collection Systems:

Mr. George Caughman provided an overview of the pump station upgrades and reported that the upgrades are completed with minor documentation items to be completed. Mr. Caughman reported that the final cost came in \$51,000 lower than the original bid value.

Mr. Caughman provided an update on the Benson Rd overpass. Mr. Caughman reports the DOT has awarded the contract to Rotha with preliminary work to be completed before the end of the year. Mr. Caughman notes that this project is in conjunction with the overpass for Bucks Hill Rd, Southbury, CT. The plan is for this project to be completed by spring of 2022.

5. Staff Discussions (continued):

Mr. Bailly discussed the quotes he has submitted for a 3 year extended warrantee for the Caterpillar generators and a separate quote for a 4 year maintenance contract. There was discussion about the necessity of a maintenance contract and the value of an extended warrantee. Mr. Bailly agreed to investigate whether utilizing an independent contractor to perform the maintenance would void the extended warrantee. However, it was agreed that a maintenance contract is not necessary.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mannello to approve the purchase of a 3 year extended warrantee on the generators. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. Caughman and Mr. Tom Knowlton presented a preliminary evaluation of flow data which indicates the likelihood of inflow and infiltration into the WPCA sewers. If this is occurring, it would significantly increase Middlebury's cost with Naugatuck. Mr. Knowlton recommended various methods of evaluating potential inflow and infiltration problems.

Mr. Angieri agreed to research the availability of funds from DEEP for performing an in depth study to identify inflow and infiltration.

6. Adjournment of Meeting:

A **motion** was made by Ms. Noa Miller and seconded by Mr. Phillips to conclude the WPCA meeting at 8:25 p.m. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Del Vicario

Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk, November 19, 2020

cc: WPCA members
Board of Selectman
Brigitte Bessette, Town Clerk
Directors of Health
Mike Angieri, P.E.
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