

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**Killingly Town Hall
Town Meeting Room
172 Main Street, Danielson CT**

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MINUTES

1. **Roll Call** – Chair, Patrick McLaughlin called the Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
David Capacchione, Director of Engineering and Facilities, did the roll call.

Members Present:

Gerard CinqMars
Andrew Danna
Joseph Higgins
Patrick McLaughlin

Staff Present:

David Capacchione, Director of Engineering and Facilities
Mark Cataldo, Suez Project Manager

Also Present:

Ed Grandelski, Town Council Liaison
Heather Belanger, Frito-Lay

2. Citizen Participation (on items not subject to public hearing)

Mr. Capacchione stated that nothing had been received other than the information included in packets to Authority Members regarding Agenda Items 9.a and 9.b.

There were no callers.

3. Town Council Liaison Participation

Ed Grandelski reported:

- Annual Town Meeting regarding the Budget – May 3rd. To go to Referendum May 11th. Zero mill increase proposed.
- Audit for year ending June 30, 2020 was presented to Council with no issues other than timing due to COVID-19.

4. Adoption of Special Meeting Minutes March 10, 2021

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 10, 2021. Second by Gerard CinqMars.

Discussion:

Mark Cataldo noted a correction to Page 2, Agenda Item 6, second bullet, to read as follows:

- “Moved down to COVID Level 2.”

Roll Call Vote: Gerard CinqMars – yes; Patrick McLaughlin – yes; Joseph Higgins – yes; Andrew Danna – yes. Motion as amended carried unanimously (4-0-0).

5. Finance Report

a. Monthly Finance Report

David Capacchione reported that everything is tracking as expected for this time of the year.

6. Report of Project Manager

Mark Cataldo reported:

- In total compliance for March.
- Processed 2.2 million gallons of wastewater coming in.
- RAS Pump #2 was rebuilt and re-installed. #3 was sent out in March.
- Installed the chlorine analyzers that were purchased last year for the new system. This has nothing to do with the upgrade.
- Four new connections.
- Nitrogen – We were up to 129 pounds last month. Frito-Lay had a shutdown. The average for the year is 76. Trending down this month and the plant is running very well getting rid of ammonia. They are having trouble getting flow numbers from the SCADA system and they are working on this.
- They have gone off the by-pass and are using the new influent flow meter and the force main flow meters this month.
- Phosphorus is down ½ pound. They are way below the average for the year.

There was discussion regarding the tracking of nitrogen removal credits. Mr. Cataldo stated that it is by the calendar year.

7. Frito-Lay Representation

Heather Belanger stated that there are no operational issues to report at this time. The next high-focus shutdown will be in October. She stated that they had no flow for the three or four days that they were shut down in March.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Facilities Project Update

David Capacchione reported:

- Centrifuges are in and running. Had to replace a VFD on one of them and it seems to be working at a much faster rate than the previous centrifuges. They are experimenting with them to maximize the percent solids – still hovering below the target goal of 20 percent. Mr. Cataldo commented that they have been testing different methods (polymers/flow rates/feed rates to the machines/how they are processing the sludge to the blender tanks). Mr. Capacchione commented that it seems to be giving a drier sludge when they don't dry it as much at the belt filter press.
- Influent pumps are in and operational – working the bugs out.
- Off of by-pass.
- Rag removal system is in - working the bugs out.
- Bar rack is functioning – tweaking for the alarms.

- Starting to break down some of the site trailers this week.
- If all goes according to plan, demo of the incinerator building will begin next week.

There was discussion regarding when it is considered to be substantially complete. Mr. Capacchione explained that the contract language deals with when the Plant is operational. However, he stated that, due to the dollar value he would consider the incinerator demo to be part of the substantial completion as it is a pretty significant amount of work. He feels it will go relatively quickly. Abatement work has been done. He explained that afterward, as part of the Project, to keep drainage from increasing into the State system they will have to put in a rain garden where the incinerator building used to be. This will also help with MS4 (reducing impervious area). The plan is to have the Highway Department install the rain garden once R.H. White is gone. Mr. Capacchione referred to an invoice from R.H. White (included in packets to Authority Members) which he said is a little misleading regarding the amount of work completed and he explained that, currently, their work is roughly 95 percent complete.

9. New Business

a. 199 Lakeview Lane sewer fee adjustment request

David Capacchione explained that the property was demoed and capped (Demolition and Disconnection Permit included in packets to Authority Members). The Owner has already paid the reconnect fee (for the modular home being delivered) which he anticipates to be connected May 8th. The Owner is requesting a waiver for the months that it has been disconnected. Mr. Capacchione suggested that, if the Authority were to grant the waiver, they do it contingent upon the CO. He said that the Owner disconnected legally and it is clear that he was not using it. There was discussion.

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to grant a waiver for the 199 Lakeview Lane sewer fee adjustment request of John L. Farrell contingent on the Certificate of Occupancy

Second by Gerard CinqMars. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Gerard CinqMars – yes; Patrick McLaughlin – yes; Joseph Higgins – yes; Andrew Danna – yes.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

b. 261 South Shore Rd sewer fee adjustment request

David Capacchione explained that the request is for the sewer use bill to be discontinued as of July 1, 2020 (Demolition and Disconnection Permit included in packets to Authority Members). There is no plan to replace the structure.

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to approve the 261 South Shore Road sewer fee adjustment request of Alexanders Lake Conservation & Rentals.

Second by Andrew Danna.

Roll Call Vote: Gerard CinqMars – yes; Patrick McLaughlin – yes; Joseph Higgins – yes; Andrew Danna – yes.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

10. Correspondence – None.

11. Other

David Capacchione explained that there is a resident who has a wet spot in his yard. This is a pump system installed where each house has an individual grinder pump to a common force main that goes to a Town's gravity sewer system similar to the one on the back side of Cardinal Drive. This was probably installed in the early 1990's. There seems to be some check valves leaking in two locations. He was told that the lines are about 8 feet deep. There are a couple of houses that are impacted. Everyone's sewer system seems to be functioning and there haven't been any backups. He is not sure what is needed to fix it. The drawings that were filed do not reflect what was found in the field, so it will require some exploratory surgery to figure out how to fix it. He does not think it will be a huge dollar value (at least initially). He said that each of the houses will probably have a similar problem as time goes on. Mr. Capacchione explained that there seems to be some sort

of a gate box. From the paperwork that he has found, the Town took responsibility of the force main, everything up to the box is the property owners' responsibility and after that is the Town's responsibility. It is in the Town's right-of-way. There was discussion. Mr. Capacchione asked the Authority Members if they would like to set a dollar value (he suggests \$20,000) to open it up and look at it. He will get prices from some contractors (day rate or time and materials). It needs to be addressed, but it is not an emergency situation. There was agreement that it would be better to take care of it while it is not an emergency situation. Discussion continued.

There was agreement among Authority Members to get at least three prices for review and discussion next month.

Joseph Higgins asked about the State changing the design flow. Mr. Capacchione stated that he has not heard anything from the State.

12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Gerard CinqMars to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Second by Andrew Danna. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary