

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting and Tour
Wednesday, July 21, 2021**

A Brief Tour of the Facility Improvements will begin at 5:30 PM

The Regular Meeting will begin at 6:00 PM

**Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility & Conference Room
31 Wauregan Road, Danielson CT**

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call** – Chair, Patrick McLaughlin called the Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and stated that all Members were present.

Members Present:

Gerard CinqMars
Joseph Higgins
Andrew Danna
Patrick McLaughlin

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

Ed Grandelski, Town Council Liaison

2. Citizen Participation (on items not subject to public hearing) – None.
3. Town Council Liaison Participation
Ed Grandelski reported on recent actions and discussions of the Town Council.
4. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes June 16, 2021

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2021. Second by Andrew Danna.

Discussion:

- Mark Cataldo noted a correction to Item #6 – bullet point #5 should read as follows, “Sent out RAS Pump #4 and RAS Pump #3 was returned and operational.
- Ed Grandelski spoke about the WPCA’s need for another Regular Member.
- Patrick McLaughlin noted that Item #11, last paragraph should state that in the past, when the rates changed, the Chair was required to sign. This time, although the rates did not change, he was also asked to sign.

Motion, with the noted corrections, carried unanimously by voice vote (4-0-0).

5. Finance Report
 - a. Monthly Finance Report (included in packets to Authority Members)
David Capacchione reported that everything is tracking as anticipated at this time of the year. There was discussion regarding transfers which Mr. Capacchione explained have not been completed at this point.

6. Report of Project Manager

Mark Cataldo reported:

- No violations in June.
- Processed 95 million gallons.
- Primary Tank #4 and Grit Tank #1 are still offline. They are operational and can be put online if needed. Mr. Couture explained that they will run on and off every six months or so.
- Cleaned 20 percent of the sewer line (per the contract).
- One of the pumps at the Industrial Pump Station was removed for repair. They expect to install it in a week or two.
- Process Water Pump #1 was removed because it wasn't lined up right. It has been re-installed, but is not up and running yet.
- Two odor complaints.
- Nitrogen average 79 pounds average for the month, but average for the year is 87 pounds.
- Phosphorus .51 for the month.

There was discussion regarding septic received and Mr. Capacchione stated that a new hauler has applied to the Town of Killingly recently, however, it won't be a huge revenue.

7. Frito-Lay Representation – No representation.

David Capacchione stated that he had not been contacted from Heather Belanger. He had been there regarding site work for the expansion earlier in the week.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Facilities Project Update

David Capacchione reported:

- All four of the Authority Members attended the tour of the Facility earlier today.
- Paving on Monday (weather permitting).
- Working on punch list items.
- Not sure when the work in the yard will be completed.

There was discussion regarding inspection services. Mr. Capacchione explained that we were within budget (with the contingency) and they are working out the final change order for the actual construction (approximately five percent). Work in the wet well was extensive.

b. I&I Study

David Capacchione reported:

- He has not yet received the report. He has spoken with Wright-Pierce, but they have not finalized it yet. He expects to have something for next month's meeting.

c. 82 Putnam Pike

David Capacchione explained that they demolished the building and capped the line. Mr. McLaughlin stated that this type of situation (when it is this cut-and-dry) does not need to be brought to the Authority. Mr. Capacchione explained that there are also a couple of buildings that have been capped and uninhabited, but are still standing (in the Prym's area) and it makes sense to remove them from the billing cycle.

9. New Business

- a. 148 Maple Street (two maps and a copy of the Ordinance were included in packets to Authority Members). David Capacchione explained that the owner of the property is having problems with backup (twice in last couple of months). He is not connected to Maple Street. Mr. Capacchione suspects that he is connected out the back that ties into the old line on Prospect Avenue that comes through the houses (has not dye tested). The property had the line jetted and got it functioning, which is a temporary solution. If it does go to that line between the houses, Mr. Capacchione explained that it will be abandoned and the property owner may

go to a cesspool. He does not know where the existing discharge is. Mr. Capacchione explained the two options:

- Frederick Street option would be a grinder pump. We supply the grinder pump and connection to Frederick Street and maintenance of the pump would be the responsibility of the property owner.
- There is a line in Maple Street where there is a stub for that lot, but does not go to the property line (it stays in the road). He would prefer to go to Maple Street because you can do it by gravity, but it would be an expensive connection.

There was discussion. Mr. Capacchione explained that per the Ordinance, the WPCA will do it at the expense of the applicant (which has been done in the past by assessment). He will have to speak with the property owner who may have his own contractor do it. Discussion continued. It may be worthwhile to investigate the manhole (#503) on Frederick to see how houses are tied-in.

Mr. Capacchione will get prices for both options and see what is most reasonable. The property owner may have a preference.

b. Administration Building Roof

David Capacchione explained that the roof had been replaced 15+ years ago, it now has several leaks and is probably near the end of its useful life. They have patched holes. To do a good job of replacing the roof, the A/C units would need to be removed from the roof. He recommends a mini-split system which he explained are more efficient, ductless, easier to maintain, and would be off of the roof. Discussion ensued. Mr. Higgins suggested putting a pitch on the roof at the same time. Mr. Capacchione said that it would be worth exploring, but it would not be the most cost effective option.

Mr. Capacchione will research options/prices. This will need to go out to bid (2 separate bids). Mr. McLaughlin suggested repairing the leaks in the meantime. Discussion continued.

10. Correspondence – None.

11. Other

There was discussion regarding whether any of the Town ARP money can be used for sewer projects. Mr. Capacchione explained that he doesn't see why it can't but he doesn't know how much would be allocated. He mentioned some things it could be applied to:

- He would like to add some clarifiers to our capacity as this would improve serviceability to the Town and invite other industries in.
- There are many more miles of sewer line that need to be repaired or replaced.
- Addressing issues raised by the I&I Study.

12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Second by Andrew Danna. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary