

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
Regular In Person Meeting  
Wednesday, July 20, 2022  
5:00 PM**

**Water Pollution Control Facility  
31 Wauregan Road, Killingly CT**

**MINUTES**

1. **Roll Call** – Chair, Patrick McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Patrick McLaughlin  
Joseph Higgins  
Andrew Danna  
Donald Aubrey

**Staff Present:**

David Capacchione, Director of Engineering and Facilities  
Jenn Hawkins, Director of Finance (arrived at 5:09 p.m.)  
Joe Couture, Project Manager  
Bruce Fountain, Class 2 Operator  
Rob Leader, Class 1 Operator  
Sara Booker, Lab  
Dan DeMello, Operator in Training  
Nathan Wilson, Operator in Training  
Robin Hart, Administrative Assistant

**Also Present:**

Ed Grandelski, Town Council Liaison

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

At this time, Joe Couture introduced the Staff Members that were present.

3. Town Council Liaison Participation

Ed Grandelski reported:

- David Griffiths was appointed as Liaison to the NDDH.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – July 30, 2022.
- The BOE requested that their non-lapsing account be increased from \$2 million to \$2.5 million.
- The Reynolds Street Project was approved for ARPA Funds.

There was discussion regarding the paving on Route 101 and the responsibility for bringing the manhole covers back up to surface. Mr. Capacchione explained that they had matched the manholes with what is on the plans for the sewer lines in Route 101. Mr. McLaughlin noted that some are communications manholes which we are not responsible for.

There was discussion regarding the poor condition of sidewalks on Route 101 (near the mill). Ms. Hawkins will follow-up on this tomorrow.

There was discussion about sludge waste disposal. Mr. Capacchione explained that the price has increased from \$105/ton to \$140/ton.

#### 4. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes June 15, 2022

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2022.

Second by Donald Aubrey.

Discussion: Mr. Higgins noted a correction on page 2, Item 5, second bullet point – change “Expanses” to Expenses.”

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

#### 5. Finance Report

##### a. Monthly Finance Report

David Capacchione reported that everything is tracking as expected, at this point in the year.

#### 6. Report of Project Manager

Joe Couture reported:

- Mr. Couture noted that that he is not representing Veolia.
- Everything going according to plan and looking great.
- Have been in compliance for 14 months.
- Numbers are dropping.

Mr. McLaughlin commented that the flow is exactly the same as the previous year.

Mr. Higgins asked if work on the collection system (jetting) would be kept up. Mr. Couture explained that it may not be the 20 percent as previously required, but they will be doing it. They have enough Staff which makes it easier.

Mr. Couture explained the following situations:

- Yesterday, a septage hauler who did not latch the tailgate, dumped the cake he was hauling onto Dyer Street (about 5 yards). The team, with help from the Town (pay-loader and street sweeper). The hauler will be called tomorrow and Mr. Capacchione expects that they will either reimburse the Town or provide some free trucking/disposal.
- There was an overflow coming out of a manhole at 365 Putnam Pike. It took approximately seven hours to clear the blockage which was in the old Borough system (6-inch line). There are six houses on that line.
- They found out last week that the portable generator (1970's model) which is used for seven pump stations, needs to be replaced. There was discussion. Ms. Hawkins stated that she will check to see if it is on the CNR list and there may be enough to replace it.

She will work with the State purchase list. Mr. Capacchione said that it is important to get it replaced before hurricane season.

Mr. Capacchione stated that he had received the Annual Report from Suez. He provided copies to Authority Members.

7. Frito-Lay Representation – No representation. Heather Belanger had informed Mr. Capacchione that she would be absent.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Buck Street Sewer Project

David Capacchione reported:

- Substantially complete after about a month.
- Have not received an invoice yet, but estimates are about \$130,000 (original contract \$173,000).
- Some touch-up work to do.

There was discussion. Everyone is not connected. Laterals were run to the property lines for final connections that need to occur. There are options available, through Mary Broom (Community Development) for those that need assistance to run the lateral to the houses. Things are going along pretty well.

b. Facility Update

David Capacchione explained that they had put out a bid several months ago for the HVAC on the roof, but there was zero response. He investigated why nobody bid on it and found that everyone was afraid of being responsible for the roof. He asked Frank Zaino & Associates, who did the original design for the HVAC, for a quote to do plans and specs to incorporate the roof into the existing plans. The quote (dated July 19, 2022) is for \$12,500 (provided to Authority Members).

Motion was made by Donald Aubrey to accept the proposal (dated July, 19, 2022) in the amount of \$12,500, to come out of Capital, from Frank Zaino & Associates to incorporate the roof into the existing plans for the HVAC, so it can be put back out to bid.

Second by Andrew Danna.

Discussion:

Mr. McLaughlin stated that this is needed and that it makes sense to have this work done by the same contractor.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (4-0-0).

There was discussion regarding R.H. White:

- Still holding some retainage.
- Punch list item: harmonic filter for the centrifuge.
- Change order work was agreed to.

c. I Park Pump Station

Joe Couture explained that the sump pump has failed and he gave an update on what is also needed:

- Both check valves
- All four gate valves

Two quotes (dated June 2022, totaling \$13,456.30) from Russell Resources, Inc. were included in packets to Authority Members. Mr. Couture explained that it is a manufactured, contained can and the new pumps will be trimmed to what they need to be. There was discussion. Lead time is 22 weeks from when the pumps were ordered, so, now at 18 weeks. The sump pump is sole source.

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to authorize an amount not to exceed \$14,000 (to come out of Capital) per the quotes from Russell Resources for the I Park Pump Station: sump pump, two check valves and four gate valves.

Second by Donald Aubrey. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (4-0-0).

#### 9. New Business

##### a. North River Lane to Maple Street Sewer Line

David Capacchione explained that the property owner had complained last year about having difficulties with the sewer. The line, which is located between the house lots, was indicated on a map. Everything flows out to and across Maple Street, then down to the line along the River to the Plant. He explained that it is in a problem area. It is an 8-inch clay line that was installed in the early 1970's. They cut some roots out of it, so it is flowing. They will do an inspection of the line to determine the quality of it and the extent of repair needed (line it or open cut it). There are seven trees in the 25-foot wide easement area that will need to be cleared. There are 10 houses connected to the line and the property owners are in agreement that it needs to be fixed. Mr. Capacchione explained that it would involve about 500 feet of line. There was discussion. Mr. Capacchione will get quotes for the tree removal.

#### 10. Correspondence – None.

#### 11. Other

There was discussion regarding the Class 4 Operator Position. There have not been any applicants. Mr. Higgins requested that an executive session for discussion be put on the agenda for next month.

#### 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to adjourn at 5:49 p.m.

Second by Andrew Danna. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary