

TOWN OF KILLINGLY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility Conference Room
31 Wauregan Road, Danielson CT

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call** – Chair, Gerard CinqMars called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and did the roll call.

Members Present:

Gerard CinqMars
Patrick McLaughlin
Arlene Gauthier
Andrew Danna
Joseph Higgins was absent with notice.

Staff Present:

David Capacchione, Director of Engineering and Facilities
Mary Calorio, Town Manager
Jen Hawkins, Director of Finance
Mary Bromm, Director of Community Development
Mark Cataldo, Suez, Project Manager
John Marcin, Suez

Also Present:

Ed Grandelski, Town Council Liaison
Allison McCoy, Bank Hometown
Barbara Yankee, Bank Hometown

2. Citizen Participation (on items not subject to public hearing) – None.
3. Town Council Liaison Participation:
Ed Grandelski reported on the recent actions of the Town Council. Mill rate was set at 24.96.
4. Adoption of Public Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to adopt the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of May 15, 2019. Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to reorder the Agenda to move Item 8.b. (Sewer Line Replacement, Prospect Street Area) to after Item 4 (Adoption of Public Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2019). Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Item #8.b. Sewer Line Replacement, Prospect Street Area:

Mary Calorio, Mary Bromm and Jen Hawkins presented a concept for implementing a program involving the establishment of a WPCA Housing Rehab Fund to assist residents with sewer line replacements that are needed, not only in the Prospect Street area, but in other areas in Town also. Residents would need to qualify

for this income-based loan subsidy (which would be designed the way the WPCA is comfortable with). Mary Bromm explained that there are also other grant programs (such as USDA) which she can assist with.

Ms. Calorio recommended that whatever matching dollars is used out of the WPCA's dedicated fund is not a forgiven number. So when the property sells, that money gets turned back into the Town. No interest. No time limit. She explained that there is a possibility that more seed money may be needed in the future to continue with more projects/phases. There are four or five emergency properties that would be the first Phase. She recommended establishing a \$50,000 WPCA Housing Rehab Fund that can be utilized in conjunction with grant programs (developing a structure that can be implemented in other scenarios going forward).

For those property owners that didn't quite qualify for the WPCA loan subsidy/grant program, Allison McCoy and Barbara Yankee of Bank Hometown explained their owner-occupied loan program (up to \$10,000).

For any of the programs, the Community Development Office would work with the property owners to design the scope of the work, bid it out, to prepare contracts, and to monitor the work during construction.

Discussion ensued. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Danna expressed that they like the concept, but there are a lot of unknowns. More details (policy framework documents) would be provided for review at the next meeting of the WPCA where the Authority Members could give their input. There was discussion regarding elderly, and landlords/tenants.

Mr. CinqMars expressed that he has confidence that it will be well done and will benefit the people who need it. Mr. Danna stated that as long as the ratio is one-to-one, he is all for it. Ms. Bromm and Ms. Calorio explained that it would never be more than one-to-one, but it may be less than that.

When asked for his opinion, Mr. Capacchione stated that he feels that it is the only way to get it done. He said you are utilizing all of your resources in a very efficient manner. Ms. Calorio confirmed that the money appropriated by the WPCA would always be used for residential housing connections for sewer-related work. Ms. Bromm recommended limiting the units: 1-4 units would be residential; above 4 units would be commercial.

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to allocate \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Account to a WPCA Housing Rehab Fund to be used for residential housing connections. Second by Andrew Danna. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

5. Finance Report

a. Monthly Finance Report

Jen Hawkins reported:

- The sewer rebate to Frito-Lay has been refunded (\$351,000 relating to 2017/2018 final results). She anticipates a rebate for 2018/2019 also (amount to be determined in the fall). There was discussion.
- Everything else on target with the budget.
- There is still an overage in Professional Services due to additional repairs.
- Total Fund Balance \$2.5 million.

6. Report of Project Manager

Mark Cataldo gave a PowerPoint presentation and reported:

- No violations
- BOD 7
- TSS 4
- 130 work orders
- Responded to 7 alarms (zero from Brooklyn).

- Did three possible blockages (one for Brooklyn)
 - Mark outs
 - Ammonia discharge from United Natural Foods – Site visit meeting with Steve Coture, Suez, Mr. Capacchione and they still do not know where the high ammonia number are coming from in that pipe. Suez will try to camera the pipe to see if anyone else is hooked in that they don't know about.
 - BOD removal is 97.9
 - High on ammonia again. Also found that it is high coming from the Town of Brooklyn (flow is .5 million, but concentration was 18-20 percent pound wise). Suez is preparing to do more testing to verify where it is coming from. Mr. Capacchione has contacted Brooklyn WPCA. There was discussion regarding BOD and TSS.
 - Beginning in April of this year, in addition to taking weekly effluent samples for ammonia, Suez takes the influent samples on a weekly basis also.
 - They continue testing aeration tanks on a daily basis. To see what changes can be made to meet the ammonia limit.
 - Still working on railings.
 - Still working on the wet wells to remove scum.
 - Installing ammonia probe. Will be getting continuous influent ammonia readings.
 - Worked on the Flottweg last month (42 pieces replaced). WPCA approved \$10,000 and cost was a little over \$5,000.
 - Upgrade photos were shown.
There was discussion regarding well drilling where they hit pipe. Mr. Capacchione explained that they needed to de-water in order to work on the relocation of the pipe that feeds from Hutchinson Precision Sealing Systems and they hit the top of the pipe. They have patched it and are relocating the pipe to the outside of the footprint of the new de-watering building. They are having difficulties with valves closing completely and have camerad and jetted the line and there is a pudding-like substance in there. They are cleaning it out and it is to be abandond. They saw some infiltration of groundwater and will see if they can correct it. Due to the condition of the pipe, they may need to replace the line where it comes to the manhole in the driveway in the parking lot. He said work is progressing.
There was discussion regarding the high 4.9 million gallon per day average for flow.
7. Frito-Lay Representation – No representation. However, Heather Belanger contacted Mr. Capacchione – There are no operational issues to report at the Facility.
8. Unfinished Business
- a. Facilities Project Update – See Above.
 - b. Sewer Line Replacement, Prospect St Area – See Above (after Item #4).
 - c. Ammonia discussion
David Capacchione stated that they will be doing more testing and sampling to see if they can identify the source(s).
Mr. Capacchione stated that they will also be doing verification testing at Frito-Lay for BOD and TSS.
9. New Business
- a. Muffin Monster replacement and rebuild of waste pumps
David Capacchione reported they have been trying to postpone work on these items because they are going to be replaced as part of the Upgrade, but it does not look like they will be able to hold off for another year-and-a-half to two years. They have another whole Muffin Monster unit to drop in, but do they want to have another replacement on hand.

10. Correspondence – None.

11. Executive Session

a. Suez Contract

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to enter into Executive Session (Suez Contract) at 7:04 p.m. Second by Andrew Danna. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Included in Executive Session: Gerard CinqMars, Patrick McLaughlin, Arlene Gauthier, Andrew Danna, David Capacchione, Mary Calorio, Jen Hawkins.

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to come out of Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

12. Other – None.

13. Adjournment

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Second by Andrew Danna. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary