

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility Conference Room  
31 Wauregan Road, Danielson CT  
Wednesday, July 20, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chairman, Gerard CinqMars called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and did the roll call.

**Members Present:**

Gerard CinqMars, Chairman  
Patrick McLaughlin, Vice Chairman  
Arlene Gauthier  
Jason Hoffman  
Ronald Racine

Joseph Higgins, Alternate Member was absent.

**Staff Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

John Hallbergh, Jr., Town Council Liaison  
Ed Grandelski, Town Council Liaison Alternate  
Heather Belanger, Frito-Lay  
Bob Loiselle  
Nicole Rosenblum  
Albert Weiss

2. Citizen Participation

**Bob Loiselle, Ballouville:**

- Noted an error in the Minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting of the WPCA on Page 2, Item 6, regarding the new jet truck, the sentence should read, "They need to 'get' used to the remote control."
- Commented on Frito-Lay working off of their 2009 permit.

**AI Weiss, Dayville and East Killingly:**

- His properties (6-7 buildings) are zoned VCD with water meters on the buildings and are empty. Some have no plumbing because the pipes have been stolen.
- He will not rent to anyone unless they have a stable source of income and pass a background check.
- He will renovate the buildings to be single-family type rentals, and, eventually, a bed and breakfast/hotel in the future.
- There has been negligible water usage for the last decade. He stated that he has paid \$40,000 for sewage usage.
- He spoke of some of his properties and about how they, sometimes, have been broken into.

- There was a site walk recently.
- He hopes to pass his property to future generations.
- There is a problem with neighbors encroaching on his property and he will address these property disputes. He wants to turn it around to where it was a decade ago when it was still vibrant environment.
- He doesn't see the situation getting too much better with the position to Town has been taking.
- He asked that the water use be measured, charge him as a commercial operation for the use of the water through the water meters, and he will pay his fair share.
- He believes that he is paying well in excess of what anyone else in Town is paying on a per gallon basis.

Motion by Arlene Gauthier to move Item 9. New Business, c. Albert Weiss – Site Meeting, to under Citizen Participation. Second by Jason Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Dave Capacchione stated that he had walked through the properties with Mr. Weiss and that some of the properties are uninhabitable and some of the properties had been severely vandalized. He feels it is a logical to get the Assessor involved to visit the properties to make a determination as to whether they are one units, two units or no units. The Assessor is agreeable to this approach.

Mr. Capacchione stated that these are residential rental properties in the VCD. They are not factories/industries. He stated that these are set up to bill as residential on a flat rate. He stated that, if the units are adjusted accordingly, that seems fair/logical. Billings are based on the Assessor's cards.

Jason Hoffman stated that this sounds like it is within the precedent of what the WPCA has done in the past.

Mr. Weiss stated that it is important, over the long term, to take a look at the metamorphosis that has taken place in the area. A rental with eleven people living in a two-bedroom apartment should not be taxed the same as someone renting a room to someone three days a week (like a hotel which he has done in the past) or an empty building. He stated that this is a perfect example of disproportionate taxation in a system that is ill-equipped to handle the metamorphosis of the area.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Weiss stated that it is a use tax and he asked that it be worked out before it comes before a judge.

Ron Racine stated that if you have water going in and you are hooked up to sewer, you pay and that is how it was done before. The Authority was in agreement to keep with what has been done in the past.

### 3. Town Council Liaison Participation

John Hallbergh, Jr., reported on the July 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Town Council:

- Recognition of the retirement of long-term employee, Carol Riley.
- Public Works Week Proclamation.
- Discussion regarding adding 5 more cameras (cost \$2,500.00 from IT) in the Armory area.
- Resolution to request consultants to include a price for solar panels for the school roofs. They have to determine if the roofs can handle the excess weight.
- Resolution amending the March 2014 inter-local sidewalk agreement with the Borough of Danielson to extend from Academy Street to Broad Street.
- Evaluation of the Town Manager was favorable.
- NTE meetings are drawing a lot of people.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes, Regular Meeting June 15, 2016

Motion by Arlene Gauthier to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2016. Second by Jason Hoffman.

The following corrections were noted:

- Page 2, Item 6, during discussion regarding the new jet truck, the second sentence should read, "They used the jet and remote control."
- Page 2, Item 6, Joe Couture reported on The World is Our Classroom. Eastconn brought their mobile lab.
- Page 3, After the Motion by Jason Hoffman to pay for the purchase of the pump from Capital Projects, strike the following sentences: "There was no mention of a dollar amount during the motion. However, the invoice from Delta Electro Power Inc. had been provided to Authority Members."

Motion carried unanimously with the noted corrections (5-0).

5. Finance Report  
a. Monthly Finance Report

Dave Capacchione provided updated copies of the Finance Report that included a line item showing the available balance for Capital Projects. He reported that Mary Calorio had provided the monthly report and that everything seems to be tracking as anticipated. Revenue is down, but this typical for the June Finance Report.

6. Report of Project Manager

Mark Cataldo, reported on the Operational Events and the Maintenance Events as outlined in the June 2016 Suez Report:

- Suez assisted the Engineering Department at the corner of Water and Cottage Streets to camera a drainage line by the Post Office.
- The Plant is running fine and last month was in compliance.
- Plant major events: influent pump, replaced some parts on the primary sludge pump, normal maintenance routine.
- No odor complaints.
- Operations Summary almost mirrors June 2015. A little less flow, way down on electricity (500 kWh)..
- Plant Performance – Everything was running well.
- Nitrogen Removal - Went up from 79 to 102.
- Will be hiring a new person, hopefully by the end of August. Scott Warden has resigned and will be working for the Town of Putnam at the Putnam Plant.
- Joshua Eccleston injured his knee last month and is out on short-term disability. With people also out on vacation, they are short staffed, so the jetting has fallen a little behind.
- Still working on the Bio-Filter – the parts are in.
- The banner sign at the ballpark will be replaced. He provided copies of what it will look like.
- A new copier is need and would like to put out bids. Dave Capacchione stated that there is money in the C&R account for replacement of the copier.

7. Frito-Lay Representation

Heather Belanger reported that there were no operational issues at the facility at this time. She stated that she has no news from the State.

8. Unfinished Business  
a. DEEP – Facilities Update

Dave Capacchione reported:

- Facilities plan progressing. If there are no comments on the advertisement for the environmental impact study (expires next week), we will be allowed to enter into a design agreement with Wright-Pierce.

b. Rogers Pump Station Update

Dave Capacchione reported:

- A progress meeting was held yesterday with Del-Ray. They are still in submittal stage and did some environmental sampling and anticipate results to be back this week. They are thinking about breaking ground in late August, beginning of September and a completion date of May 24, 2017. Mark Cataldo toured the facility yesterday.

Gerard Cinq Mars asked about the Laurel Point Pump Station. Dave Capacchione stated that that project has been completed.

c. Rogers Force Main Update

Dave Capacchione reported:

- VMS started today. They are creating a pathway to come in from the pump station to get up the hill. They will begin digging next week. First, they will do directional drilling underneath the pond which still has quite a bit of water in it.

Ed Grandelsdi asked about the mowing of the temporary easement. He asked if they would mark where the permanent easement is so they will know where to put the pipe (on his side). Dave Capacchione explained that fifteen feet to the east from the centerline of the telephone poles, that should bring you to the west side of the permanent easement. They will locate it, survey it and dig test pits to be sure it is where they think it is.

Dave Capacchione stated that when they bring in the ground penetrating radar to locate this force main, they will also locate the force mains in the I-Park and Tracy Road so that their locations will be known and they can be surveyed.

d. Suez – Emergency Pass-through

Dave Capacchione reported that the emergency pass-throughs done through Suez have been completed.

9. New Business

a. Emergency repair of Electrical Raceway

Dave Capacchione provided copies of a quote from Paquette Electric Co., Inc. dated July 20, 2016, and reported:

- There have been electrical problems with pumps shorting out due to mice damage in some of the raceways throughout the Facility.
- He explained that they don't want to do unnecessary work that would be ripped out with the Facilities Update, but they want to make sure that they don't short out/burn out any pumps/motors needlessly or create an unsafe condition. Mark Cataldo explained that, if this raceway goes out, it would shut down the SCADA system for the whole Facility.
- Chris Pierce looked at it while he was here for a meeting. They spoke with the electrical contractor (Paquette Electric) that would be working on the Upgrade. Mr. Cataldo contacted some other contractors and none of them were interested in doing the work. Mr. Capacchione stated that he does not know what their hourly rate is or how many hours were estimated in the quote. In the proposal, Paquette Electric highly recommend temporary repairs to the equipment as the wiring fails. Mr. Capacchione agrees and suggests doing an hourly rate (time and materials) whether with Paquette or a different vendor. Mark Cataldo suggested getting the four pumps up and running and retain the vendor to come back to shut the breaker off in case there is another problem.

There was discussion. The Authority Members were in agreement to do temporary repairs with an hourly rate as suggested. Dave Capacchione will research to get numbers for hourly rates.

b. Emergency Repair of Bio-Tower Seams

Dave Capacchione provided copies of quotes from Special Breaks, LLC dated July 8, 2016, and R.H. White dated July 15, 2016 (he also provided spreadsheets showing a comparison), and he reported:

- The seams on the Bio-Tower are leaking at the concrete knee wall and the vertical joints.
- This has been reported to the State as a precautionary measure. Mark Cataldo stated that right now, no water goes to the ground.
- Dave Capacchione explained that it is tricky to fix because the grout that is there needs to be removed, then drill it and inject it. You don't want to get too much PSI.
- They went over the comparison of the two quotes. Although the quote from R.H. White is less, they are specifying using a sealer that Dave Capacchione has no experience with. Special Breaks specifies Sika Products which he is familiar with and they also have a two-year warranty on their work. He asked if the Authority wants to do a temporary repair or do everything. This is not incorporated in the Upgrade at this time.

There was discussion. Gerard Cinq Mars suggested that Authority Members take a walk around the Tower after the meeting. He stated that it is not something that they can wait on. Jason Hoffman suggested the as-needed fill in and then address the whole building as a concern with the Facilities Update. Pat McLaughlin feels the next step is to replace the media again instead of replacing the whole building because the structure probably has a longer life. Just address this issue right now and get it watertight and sealed up. Discussion ensued comparing the quotes.

Motion by Pat McLaughlin to award the repair of the joints in the trickling filter to Special Breaks based on their proposal, check of their reference, the warranty they are providing, and their ability to do the work in a timely manner. The amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 from the Capital Projects account as this is a urgent matter. Second by Jason Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

c. Albert Weiss – Site meeting (See Above).

10. Correspondence

- a. CT DEEP – Environmental Impact Evaluation – Included in the packets to Authority Members for informational purposes.
- b. Lake Road Generating - Included in the packets to Authority Members for informational purposes. Dave Capacchione explained that they are looking to install a reverse-osmosis system which would increase their discharge to us.

11. Other – None.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Arlene Gauthier to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Second by Jason Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary