

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY**  
**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility Conference Room**  
**31 Wauregan Road, Danielson CT**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**  
**6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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

**Members Present:**

Gerard CinqMars, Chairman  
Patrick McLaughlin  
Joseph Higgins  
Arlene Gauthier  
Jason Hoffman (seated in the audience)

**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  
Heather Belanger, Frito-Lay

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

**Jason Hoffman**, Buck Street:

- He had requested some items to be put on the Agenda and they were not.
- The criminal complaint (private enrichment of individuals for work on 64 Prospect Avenue - August 17, 2017) that he made has been referred to the body that has investigative authority over the Town of Killingly. Mr. Hoffman stated that he has authorized his title insurance company to defend his property rights in this case.
- He stated that there is a developer who is looking for a scenario where they could build 50 houses and connect to a private lateral that then connects to the regular main. He said the Town is labeling his neighbor's yard a public main that goes through a private property that goes to a public main. He said that a precedent is being set.

Mr. CinqMars asked what is behind the action because there was a blockage in a pipe. Mr. Hoffman stated that it was a blockage of a private lateral that the Town paid for, not the individual. Mr. Hoffman stated that any work on the line (especially by the Town) gives indication that someone else might have a right to his property.

**Ed Grandelski** brought up another issue of call-before-you-dig on (Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>), he noticed that Suez had put fresh green marks on Main Street. He spoke with Hemlock and the ticket was dated August 22<sup>nd</sup> with a start date of August 25<sup>th</sup>. He wanted to know why it was not marked until the 13<sup>th</sup> (20 days). He will supply copies of the Call-Before-You-Dig Regulations. He spoke of the importance of marking in a timely manner to avoid problems.

Gerard CinqMars suspended the rules to allow Dave Capacchione to respond.

Mr. Capacchione explained that he received a call from Connecticut Water asking him to go out and take a look at a suspected abandoned lateral that they found. It was an abandoned lateral. He explained that there are many laterals in Main Street that were installed in the original installation of the sewer main that were never connected to anything (and were inactive). Since Main Street was lined rather than open cut, most of the lateral locations are unknown. They know the distance and footage between manholes, but they have no idea where they go once they leave the manhole. He gave Connecticut Water a copy of the as-built drawing and marked out the distances and this is what Mr. Grandelski witnessed last week. Mr. Capacchione stated that this was a reasonable request by the contractor. Suez responded in a timely manner (within minutes of the phone call). Mr. Capacchione stated that you can't mark out what you don't know exists and he explained that once something is marked out, liability and responsibility is assumed for it.

There was discussion regarding Call-Before-You-Dig.

**Jason Hoffman** stated that since there may criminal and civil litigation, he recommended that the Water and Sewer Ordinances not be changed at this time. There was discussion and it was suggested that the changes could be made and that what was on the record at the time would still be available.

### 3. Town Council Liaison Participation

Ed Grandelski reported;

- He would like Exhibits A and B that he had submitted at the August 16, 2017 meeting to be made part of the official record of that meeting.
- He suggested a correction to the Minutes of August 16, 2017: Page 1, Citizens Participation, sixth paragraph, second sentence, to read as follows: "He expressed concern for the possibility of the sewer main getting hit during excavation due to lack of mark-up."
- Town Council presented plaques to Gus Lalumiere and Paul Mailhot for many years of service to the Town.
- There was a presentation regarding a proposed subdivision on Dog Hill Road with a sewer easement going through the Kohl's property.
- Town Council (by Town Meeting) approved the sale of property on Pratt Road to an adjoining property owner.
- Accepted a temporary tax abatement for three years on the increased assessment on two properties: 26 Soap Street and 432 Putnam Pike. Reduced tax rate incentive for commercial properties.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes, Regular Meeting August 16, 2017

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2017. Second by Patrick McLaughlin.

Corrections noted by Patrick McLaughlin:

- The corrections suggested by Mr. Grandelski above:  
That Exhibits A and B that Mr. Grandelski had submitted at the August 16, 2017 meeting to be made part of the official record of that meeting.  
Page 1, Citizens Participation, sixth paragraph, second sentence, to read as follows: "He expressed concern for the possibility of the sewer main getting hit during excavation due to lack of mark-up."
- Page 2, fifth sentence to read as follows: "Mr. Couture and Mr. Capacchione explained that there will not be many green marks because they don't know where the sewers are."

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

### 5. Adoption of Minutes, Special Meeting August 30, 2017

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 30, 2017. Second by Patrick McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

6. Finance Report  
a. Monthly Finance Report

Dave Capacchione explained a typographical error that appeared on the Finance Report through August 31, 2017. He stated that, at this point, nothing out-of-the-ordinary is happening.

7. Report of Project Manager  
a. Cleaning of Collection System – No discussion.

Mark Cataldo reported:

- In compliance for August.
- Removed one tower pump, now down to two pumps. This will be discussed next month under Planned Major Events.
- Did required aquatic toxicity test (end of July/beginning of August) and passed.
- Keeping the phosphorus numbers low.
- Plant Performance: three-month average for BOD and TSS was on last month's report.
- Reports were submitted to the DEEP on time.
- Suez was ready to do the Annual Report Presentation, but it was decided to do it next month.

8. Frito-Lay Representation

Heather Belanger reported that on September 15<sup>th</sup> there was a failure of the level control system and the process waste water sumps. This caused the process pumps to slow down and caused process water to enter the oily waste sump. Mark Cataldo was called and he did see some oil coming through. The issue was detected by the Frito-Lay Operator at approximately 6 am on Friday, who put everything on auto and it was immediately corrected. The State was notified. The control team is working to prevent this issue from occurring again. Everything is now in full operation.

Mr. Cataldo stated that there was not much oil that got to the Plant.

9. Unfinished Business  
a. Facilities Plan Update

1. Possible shortfall solutions

Dave Capacchione reported:

- Mr. Capacchione referred to a Memo dated September 11, 2017, from Therlin Montgomery of Wright-Pierce. There was discussion regarding the latest engineer's estimate based on the 60 percent plans. Dependent upon the review period, comments, and what changes/modifications need to be made will determine the time to go out to bid.

b. Rogers Pump Station Update

Dave Capacchione reported:

- Roughly 80 percent completed. Building is up and the roof is on.
- Final plumbing and electrical wiring needs to be connected.
- May have to wait for Eversource.
- Looking for substantial completion by the end of October.

c. Killingly NPDES Draft Permit / Consent Order

Dave Capacchione reported:

- The Consent Order included in the packets to Authority Members is the final version from the State. Comments/revisions have been incorporated. Waiting for the signed copy to come back so it can be executed. Need to come up with a standard operating procedure.
- There have been no operational issues relating to foam on the tanks.

- d. Laurel Point Pump Station  
Dave Capacchione reported:
  - He has had no conversations with NTE within the past month.
- e. Sewer Line Replacement, I&I Study, Prospect St Area & Evaluation of Interceptor  
Dave Capacchione reported:
  - Whether to continue with evaluation and investigation or not. It was decided to table.
  - There was discussion regarding the evaluation of Interceptor. There are manholes/siphon chambers that need to be investigated. Dave Capacchione will continue to research and put together an RFP. He would like to begin at Commerce Avenue and continue north to Rock Avenue.
- f. 55 Dog Hill Road  
Dave Capacchione reported:
  - Needs to go back before Town Council who may ask the WPCA for a recommendation.
  - There are options that the developer may pursue, but they want to do it as inexpensively as they can. There was discussion.
- g. Hutchinson Precision Plastics  
Dave Capacchione reported that he has not heard anything.

#### 10. New Business

- a. Repair of Railings  
Mark Cataldo reported that they obtained a quote to repair the remainder of the railings (\$44,000.00). They would do about 25 per days and it would take about 22 days. It was suggested to get more quotes.
- b. 49 Cottage Street Waiver Request  
Dave Capacchione reported that the property owner requested a waiver (letter included in packets to Authority Members dated September 10, 2017). There was discussion.

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to extend the waiver for another year contingent upon the building remaining unoccupied during that timeframe. Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

- c. Frito – Lay Flow testing  
Dave Capacchione explained that, as part of the Consent Order, in coordination with Frito-Lay, they will do a measurement of the transit time from Frito-Lay to the Facility under various flow conditions. They asked the DEEP for permission to put dye into the system. The purpose is to identify standard operating procedure in the event of a foaming issue. The DEEP replied that a permit would be needed, but did not approve it or give any instruction. There was discussion.
- d. Woodward Street Sewer Line Cleaning  
Dave Capacchione reported that an RFP had been put out for cleaning sand out of the line on Woodward Street. Of the five that took out the RFP only one company submitted a bid - National Water Main Cleaning Company. Mr. Capacchione explained that the Town will need to build an access road (through about 120 linear feet of wetlands). There was discussion. National Water Main Cleaning Company can use water from the Facility to fill their trucks.

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to award the work for the Woodward Street Sewer Line Cleaning to National Water Main Cleaning Company (the only bidder) in the amount of \$11,000.00 to come out of Contractual Services Sewer Line Maintenance. Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

11. Correspondence

a. DEEP Ordinance Review

Dave Capacchione stated that the Town Manager asked that the Authority Members review the list of suggested changes compiled at the Special Meeting of the WPCA on August 30, 2017, and the list of pollutant updates from Ivonne Hall at the DEEP.

It was decided to submit the recommended changes to the Ordinance to Town Council.

12. Executive Session

a. Brooklyn Contract Renewal

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to enter into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Included in Executive Session were: Gerard CinqMars, Patrick McLaughlin, Arlene Gauthier, Jason Hoffman, Joseph Higgins, and David Capacchione.

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to approve the Killingly/Brooklyn WPCA Agreement as presented. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried (4-0-1). Jason Hoffman abstained.

13. Other

14. Adjournment

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary