

TOWN OF KILLINGLY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility Conference Room
31 Wauregan Road, Danielson CT
Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

Members Present:

Patrick McLaughlin
Arlene Gauthier
Joseph Higgins
Andrew Danna

Gerard CinqMars was absent with notice.

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

Ed Grandelski, Town Council Liaison
Leonard Zadora

2. Citizen Participation (on items not subject to public hearing) – None.

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to move Item:

9. New Business
a. 51 Soap Street

To after Item:

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

Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

9. New Business

- a. 51 Soap Street

David Capacchione explained that a sketch of the location was included in packets to Authority Members which shows the distance from the house to the sewer manhole (223 feet), the distance from the manhole to the River (89 feet). The location of the septic system was not shown on the sketch. There are two wells on the property which are prohibiting the Health Department from approving authorization of repair/relocation of the septic system. The separation distance of the wells and the septic was not known.

Mr. Capacchione explained that, in the past, connections to manholes have been allowed. However over the past 15 years or so, they have been trying to keep from doing that because it causes problems with maintenance. Discussion ensued. Patrick McLaughlin that stated that, in his experience, generally, going into the manhole is preferred. Although it is cheaper and easier, Joe Couture explained that it becomes an issue when servicing them. Mr. Couture expressed concern for setting precedence. Mr. McLaughlin stated that they could be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

There was discussion regarding another option of tying into the line. It would be a deep excavation (13-14 feet deep). It is a 21-inch pipe and they would have to core it. Mr. McLaughlin was concerned

about sealing it and also about not disrupting the existing infrastructure. He asked if an inside drop would be allowed as it is on his own property and no one else has access to it. Mr. Grandelski stated that if the separating distances are not met (75 feet from septic to wells), the Health Department won't approve it, and he feels that the Health Department won't give an exception if a sewer line is available. Mr. Capacchione explained that the wells probably don't meet the separation distance currently, so either the septic system or the wells were installed before the Health Department governed it or without their approval.

Mr. Capacchione explained that, in this particular case, it is an interceptor, a trunk line for Frito-Lay, and some houses in Ballouville are tied-into the northern end of it.

Mr. Grandelski asked about tapping the pipe. There was discussion.

Mr. Capacchione gave his recommendation:

- Due to the location of the main, coring into it and excavation is problematic. He does not recommend this because of the groundwater table and the integrity of the pipe. Although this is an easier and cheaper method, this is something that they have been trying to avoid as a policy in the Town.
- He suggests repair of the septic system.

Mark Cataldo gave his recommendation:

- He agrees with Mr. Couture that pipes going into the manhole make it difficult to get in and out.
- He suggested that a drop manhole could be put in on the outside and go into the bottom of the manhole, but they would still have to dig down about 13-15 feet down by the River. This wouldn't hinder access to it. Mr. Couture added that with an inside drop, there could be problems having to fish out parts that break off inside the pipe.

Mr. Capacchione stated that an outside drop would be a reasonable compromise and asked what others think. There was discussion regarding how this could be done. Leonard Zadora, Leonard Zadora & Sons, LLC, was concerned regarding digging that deep and whether the manhole is stationary. He asked if he could go in at seven feet instead. There was discussion regarding the water line.

Discussion continued. Arlene Gauthier stated that she is skeptical about the manhole because Frito-Lay is tied into it. There was discussion and Mr. Zadora stated that he had tied-in some houses. Mr. Couture explained that they were tied-into the main (no stubs). They were tied-in with the chimney. There was discussion regarding the stainless steel strapping/fasteners that rots and breaks off.

Mr. McLaughlin suggested that another option would be for Mr. Zadora to connect directly to the top of the pipe with a chimney as he has done with others. He would still need to go down deep, but he would not have to worry about the manhole tipping over.

Joseph Higgins stated was not in favor of allowing connecting inside the manhole. He stated that he would entertain the outside drop, but Mr. Zadora was not interested in that option.

Mr. McLaughlin mentioned tapping in to the top of the main with a chimney. Mr. Capacchione stated that it is a viable solution. Ms. Gauthier agreed and asked Mr. Zadora how he felt about it. Mr. Zadora stated that the property owner wanted to do this 3 or 4 years ago and nobody wanted to do it. He stated that he did not do it because of the depth in the water. Mr. McLaughlin asked if the septic system is totally failed and Mr. Zadora stated that it is. Mr. Capacchione asked what he has been doing for four years. Mr. Zadora stated that he has been having the tank pumped out every couple of months.

Mr. Capacchione stated that if nobody wants to tie into the main, then re-design of the septic system seems like the solution.

Consensus to take no action.

Mr. Zadora asked if it could be camerad to see if there is a sub for this house. Mr. Couture explained that, normally, there are no stubs on interceptors and none of the houses that are tied-in have a stub.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that if a letter from the Health Department is obtained stating that there is no way to fit a septic system on that property, the Authority would re-evaluate it.

3. Town Council Liaison Participation

Ed Grandelski reported:

- Town Council discussed the Transfer Station and Town-wide Pickup. Non-binding vote to be included in November election. They are looking at reducing the cost at the Transfer Station.
- Charter Revision Committee Candidates are needed (would like to have a 7-member commission).
- HVAC work to begin at the Bugbee Library and Town Hall.
- Issues with Community Center windows and Veterans' Coffee House. Looking into possibly another location. Parking is also an issue.
- Bike Night is in August. DOT wants P&W to fix the railroad crossing.
- Council Member, Chris Dillan, will be missing three months of Town Council meetings due to out-of-town training for a new job.

4. Adoption of Minutes, Regular Meeting June 20, 2018

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2018. Second by Joseph Higgins. There was discussion.

Corrections noted:

- Page 1, bottom of page, last sentence, insert "be," sentence to read as follows: "He said that it is preferable to keep it above the water table and, if the Authority allows the tie in to the manhole, it would have to be determined that there are no problems with that cone and maybe replace it with a new section."
- Page 3, Item 6, third bullet, last item, insert "It." Sentence to read as follows: "It was explained that liquid loads are hauled by trucks (which costs 2.5 times as much)."

Motion carried unanimously with the noted corrections (4-0-0).

5. Finance Report

a. Monthly Finance Report (included in packets to Authority Members).

David Capacchione reported:

- There was a slight improvement (over last month's Report) in the deficit for the 2017/2018 year due to a sale held by the Revenue Office of properties that had sewer fees owed to the Town. It is not audited yet and there is still some money that will likely come in during the next few months for last year's sewer fees. Therefore, the number may be adjusted slightly.
- He checked with the Finance Department and the Auditors as to whether a supplemental appropriation would be required. It will not be needed as there is money that was not spent from Capital Projects and items that were budgeted for that the money was not spent, so that will be used to offset the deficit.
There was discussion regarding the Fund Balance.
- Collection rate is approximately 91 percent so far. Not unusual for July per the Revenue Collector.
- He is concerned regarding keeping an eye on Frito-Lay improvements to their Facility which may impact revenues as loadings to the Facility are reduced. They had a refund which was part of the shortfall in projected revenues.
There was discussion regarding whether Town Council would need to be involved if a supplemental appropriation to the Fund Balance were needed.

6. Report of Project Manager

a. Cleaning of Collection System

Mark Cataldo reported:

- The cleaning/jetting of the collection system is ninety-four percent done and he hopes to be close to 100 percent completed by the end of summer.
- In compliance last month.
- Error (formula) on the chart last month has been corrected and up to date.

There was discussion regarding nitrogen being high.

- A VFD went today on the gravity belt thickener. They will pick replace it tomorrow morning.

Mr. Grandelski asked if the camera is used when jetting the lines. Mr. Couture explained that they normally do not as it is not for jetting the lines, it is for finding trouble spots.

7. Frito-Lay Representation – No representation.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Facilities Plan Update

David Capacchione reported:

- Project Bid Opening has been delayed from the July 20th to July 24th and it looks like it will be extended until July 26th (at 2:00 p.m.) – Clarification to be sure that the codings for the tanks are included in the base bid. DEEP is in agreement. When a clarification is issued, five working days are needed before opening the bid.
- Thirty+ companies attended the mandatory walk-thru.

b. Sewer Line Replacement, Prospect St Area

David Capacchione reported:

- He has been going over plans with CLA. He expects to have final plans soon.
- Cost estimate around \$300,000 (as budgeted – stub to property line). May need some adjustments (sidewalk restoration).
- Connections to the houses is the big concern. There are several legal options. There was discussion. It is a residential neighborhood: apartments, absentee landlords, homeowners (no businesses). They have been notified. Consensus for Mr. Capacchione to bring a proposal back to the Authority Members for their review next month.

c. Hutchinson Precision Sealing Systems

David Capacchione reported:

- The Attorney is still working on the agreement for the property transfer and the demo of the old Borough Treatment Plant.
- He thinks they have contractor to put in their pump station.

9. New Business

a. 51 Soap Street – See Above (after Item 2).

b. Killingly Code of Ordinances Chapter 15

Copies of the Ordinance were included in packets to Authority Members. Mr. Capacchione and the Authority Members reviewed the Ordinance. Also included in packets were copies of a sketch of public sewer in the Town right-of-way, building sewer from the house to the property line, and the lateral connection from the property line to the main.

Mr. Capacchione read from the Ordinance regarding building connection laterals and there was discussion regarding who is responsible for fees. At one time, the Town installed the laterals and billed the property owners. Now, a contractor is hired to do the work and the property owner is billed.

Mr. Capacchione asked if the Authority wants to make changes. Discussion continued regarding assessments because of the benefit of a public improvement. Mr. Capacchione stated, per his

conversation with the Attorney last month, that even if there is an existing sewer line/services in the area, if you install a new line, you can still levy an assessment. It is up to the Authority to decide what percentage they would want to assess.

There was discussion regarding the formula for figuring average estimates for assessments that would be fair. Mr. Capacchione asked if the Authority would want to assess the whole project or just the connection to the house?

Mr. McLaughlin feels that if assessing the whole project, the numbers would be too high, but he feels that some type of assessment would be appropriate. He suggested that Mr. Capacchione get an average cost by looking at the costs of the portion from the main to the edge of the road (as allowed in the Ordinance). Mr. Capacchione will put some numbers together for next month. Discussion continued.

10. Correspondence – None.

11. Executive Session

a. Contract Renewal

Mr. Capacchione stated that he did not have any new information to report. Brooklyn has received the documents and are reviewing them. He has not heard back from them. No Executive Session was held.

12. Other – None.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Joseph Higgins to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary