

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility Conference Room
31 Wauregan Road, Danielson CT
Wednesday, June 21, 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
Jason Hoffman
Patrick McLaughlin
Joseph Higgins
Arlene Gauthier

Staff Present:

David Capacchione, Director of Engineering and Facilities
Mark Cataldo, Suez, Project Manager
Joe Couture, Suez, Assistant Project Manager
John Marcin, Suez, arrived after Executive Session

Also Present:

Sean Hendricks, Town Manager
David Griffiths, Town Council Chairman
Kari Olson, Murtha Cullina
Sandra Bove (arrived late – after Citizen Participation)

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

Jason Anderson, Lake Road, spoke about the NTE project. As a taxpayer, he does not want the Town to waste more money, time, or resources on this project that has been denied.

3. **Town Council Liaison Participation**

David Griffiths reported for the Town Council Liaison:

- Mill rate was approved – same as last year.
- Ratified the contract for the 2.25% increase for union employees.
- Working to establish an emergency hot line.
- Council is looking into a service/facility to attain access to all available grants.

Mr. Griffiths asked about the pilot testing at the Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility which may cause a temporary increase in odor. Mark Cataldo explained that they have not received any complaints and that the last trailer of sludge should go out on Friday. The phone number is posted outside the Facility for citizens to call to report odors, however, it had fallen over. Mr. Griffiths stated that the odor needs to be controlled as much as possible.

4. **Adoption of Minutes, Regular and Public Hearing Meeting May 17, 2017**

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adopt the minutes of the Regular and Public Hearing Meeting of May 17, 2017. Second by Jason Hoffman.

Corrections noted:

- Motion #6 on the motion page, “Motion was made by” was stated twice – delete one.
- Page 2, Item 6, Last bullet item, delete “except for the unanalyzed sample.”
- Page 4, Item 8.f. Include that the firm of Murtha Cullina was hired for the purpose of the contract agreement renewal with the Town of Brooklyn.

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

Motion was made by Jason Hoffman to move the following Item:

11. Executive Session

a. Brooklyn Contract Renewal

up on the Agenda to before Item:

5. Finance Report

Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

The Authority Members recognized that Sandra Bove, North Shore Road, had arrived after Item #2. Citizen Participation and were in agreement to allow her to make her comments after Item #11. Executive Session.

11. Executive Session

a. Brooklyn Contract Renewal

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to enter into executive session at 6:11 p.m. including Town Manager, Sean Hendricks and Kari Olson of Murtha & Cullina. Second by Jason Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Included in executive session were: Gerard CinqMars, Patrick McLaughlin, Arlene Gauthier, Joseph Higgins, Jason Hoffman, Sean Hendricks, Kari Olson and Dave Capacchione.

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to come out of executive session at 7:26 p.m. Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Motion was made by Jason Hoffman to re-open citizens’ comments to allow Sandra Bove, North Shore Road, to speak. Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Sandra Bove, North Shore Road, asked:

- Is the Laurel Point Pump Station is the same pump station described as the Alexander Lake Pump Station you are designing with NTE, or are they two different pump stations?
- Why are you working with NTE regarding the pump station and what work needs to be done and why is it being discussed when we don’t even know if they will be building the Plant?
- In NTE get approved to build this facility, the Killingly Treatment Plant will need to be able to process the volume that comes from it. She is concerned regarding toxic and hazardous substances/liquids that would be flowing from the Plant. She has conflicting reports as to whether the Facility is currently capable of handling the waste and the flow per day. She asked if the Facility is presently able to take care of it or are we gearing up to be able to take care of it?

Dave Capacchione addressed Ms. Bove’s questions:

- He explained that the two Laurel Point Pump Station and Alexander Lake Pump Station are the same pump station. He explained that it would come down Lake Road and the sewer line goes across lots to go to Laurel Point Pump Station. He indicated on a map the location and showed the proposed route of flow.
- He explained that it had not been determined whether the pumps needed to be increased in size and he explained that the equipment is old and may not have needed to be upgraded, but NTE had agreed to

rebuild/upgrade the pump station. However, since the permit was not approved by the CSC, NTE has decided to hold off on the design. Mr. Capacchione stated that he has not seen any plans for any work in Lake Road or anything else.

- Mr. Capacchione explained that the Facility has capacity to handle the discharge without requiring any improvements. Any discharge would have to be permitted by the State. Regarding toxins, everything has to be within State regulated limits/levels.

There was more discussion.

5. Finance Report

a. Monthly Finance Report

Dave Capacchione reported that nothing is out of the ordinary. All revenues are not in yet. Septage has dropped off.

6. Report of Project Manager

a. Cleaning of Collection System

Mark Cataldo reported:

- The World is Our Classroom was there for two weeks last month.
- Met with the Town of Killingly and NTE regarding upgrading the Facility (Alexander Lake Pump Station).
- Met with Wright-Pierce and the Town regarding the de-watering pilot testing for the centrifuges.
- Operational Events – Running the chlorine system now.
- Maintenance Issues: Industrial Park Pump Station – one pump needed to be removed. Joe Couture to discuss later.
- Suez is working on getting quotes for the primary tank #3 repair/rebuild. Joe Couture to discuss later.
- Phosphorus – average of .38 or 11.7 lbs. per day going out. Well under the limit.
- In compliance for the month.
- Samples were taken and analyzed.
- Hired a Brooklyn resident this month. Intern started also. Hope to start jetting, however, vacation season is coming up.
- Tower fan was broken and it was replaced this month.
- Replaced odor control fan on incinerator building.

7. Frito-Lay Representation – No representation. Dave Capacchione and Mark Cataldo stated that they have not heard anything.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Facilities Plan Update

1. Pilot Test

Dave Capacchione reported:

- Wesfallia came in and did the pilot test – 18 to 23 percent solids – No lab results back yet. Machine seems to operate okay.
- Centrisis is there this week. No test results back yet.
- Yvonne Hall from the State visited the Facility yesterday.
- Working toward 90% design completion by November.

b. Rogers Pump Station Update

Dave Capacchione reported:

- Work continues, roughly 50% completed. Still on track for completion in October. By-pass is still operating.
- Yvonne Hall seemed pleased with the progress.
- Abatement materials are all gone.

c. Frito Lay Discharge Permit / Sampling Plan

Dave Capacchione reported:

- Conference call with the State and Frito-Lay last week. Frito-Lay still needs to come up with a sampling plan. Town will co-operate/assist, but not contributing any funds.

d. Killingly NPDES Draft Permit / Consent Order

Dave Capacchione reported:

- Draft of Consent Order was included in the packets to the Authority Members. Waiting for approval of changes made.
- Working with Suez and Wright-Pierce for implementation of the phosphorus removal program over the summer.
- Looking at pumps and connections.

e. Laurel Point Pump Station – Already discussed.

9. New Business

Joe Couture reported:

- Rebuild of #3 primary tank – provided quotes (2). An amount of \$5,500.00 had been previously approved for flights. Need additional \$254.00 for parts and for also \$8,400.00 for the welding.
- Parts and flights have been ordered.

There was discussion regarding the work involved.

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to approve the additional funds needed to complete the rebuild of the Number 3 Primary Tank (additional cost above what had been previously approved for Parts and welding) not to exceed \$9,000.00 to be taken out of Capital. Second by Jason Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Jason Hoffman mentioned appreciation for the effort in trying to pursue three bids. Joe Couture stated that it is getting harder to get them.

Joe Couture reported:

- There is a problem with mice at Industrial Park – They ate the insulation on one of the motors and cooked it out. They moved the pump from Laurel Point to Industrial Park.
- Laurel Point and Plaza Street Pump Stations are running on one pump.
- There is a ragging problem at Adelaide Pump Station. Smith & Loveless (sole source) has a new impeller. Two de-ragging impellers have been ordered.
- His idea: instead of replacing both motors and pumps at Industrial Park, spend the extra money (\$12,000) to buy the pumps that will handle the ragging issue at Adelaide. Then take the second pump at Adelaide and move it to Industrial Park (pumps 8 years old). There was discussion regarding mice. They plan to use expandable metal mesh.

There was discussion.

Motion was made by Jason Hoffman to approve the purchase of two pumps and related equipment for the Adelaide Street Pump Station not to exceed \$16,522.00 to come out of Capital. Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

10. Correspondence

Dave Capacchione explained that Suez is asking if the Town would entertain a proposal from Suez to come up with the money for the \$4 million shortfall in the Facility Upgrades (Suez Capital Improvements and Agreement Extension dated June 21, 2017- copies were provided to Authority Members). They would be looking for an extension of their contract. The approval of the Authority, Town Manager and Town Council

would be needed to go forward with such a negotiation. It would be a multi-year agreement. The \$4 million shortfall is due to the cost increase from the time the State asked us to go for approval of the project and the time when they approved the project. All the work identified in the facilities plan will not be able to be completed and this is a method by which that work could be completed. He feels it is worth exploring and stated that the decision would need to be made before going out to bid for the construction projects.

John Marcin explained that this would just be another iteration of the same process that they have already done twice successfully. He got confirmation from the Company that the funds are available. He stated that the idea is to negotiate an extension term to determine what would make the finances work. They suggest open-book negotiation.

Discussion ensued. Joseph Higgins asked for a scope of the work. Dave Capacchione stated he could provide a list of the work estimated for the original design and what would be estimated to be cut out (\$4 million). Then it would have to be decided what is important.

Mr. Capacchione asked if there was a general consensus to see if there is interest by the Town Manager and Town Council.

Joseph Higgins does not approve of going further without a scope of work.

Jason Hoffman is interested in hearing comments from the Town Manager and Town Council.

Patrick McLaughlin and Arlene Gauthier feel it is worth exploring.

Gerard CinqMars stated that it could be discussed next month after having time to think about the options.

11. Executive Session – See Above.

a. Brooklyn Contract Renewal

12. Other – None.

13. Adjournment

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Second by Jason Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary