

Beacon Falls Water Pollution Control Authority
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Monthly Meeting
October 21, 2014
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M.

Member Present: Jeff Smith, Rich Komar, Rob Pruzinsky, Walter Opuszynski, Jim Galligan

Not Present: Dave Prickett, Jay Sheehan, Charlie Edwards

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

There were no minutes to approve from the previous meeting. There was no quorum from last month's meeting.

3. Comments from the Public

No members of the public were present at tonight's meeting. If anyone from the public attends later during the meeting, the members will address the comments at that time.

4. New Applications

There were no new applications presented at tonight's meeting.

5. Public Hearing

There were no Public Hearings presented nor discussion at tonight's meeting.

6. Old Business

a. Industrial Park

J. Smith indicated that he has not heard anything as of yet. J. Weed indicated that on November 15th there will be an auction. J. Smith indicated that they have a lien on the property and will make sure that it is effect. J. Smith asked if he sold the units to different people and they own those units, does the town own the rest of the building. J. Weed indicated that it is a mess. R. Komar also noted that whoever buys the tax lien, they have 6 months to come up with the money plus 18%. If they don't then the town owns it. J. Smith mentioned that the people who bought the units paid J. Martin their sewer assessment fee but he never paid the town. R. Komar indicated that we need to look into that and is not sure what is owed in taxes. J. Smith believes that they are owed \$12,000. There is only one payment in the amount of \$4,000.

b. Sewer Service Area Map

There was no discussion on this at tonight's meeting.

c. Nitrogen & Phosphorous Removal

J. Smith asked J. Galligan if he received anything from D. Prickett regarding the Public Hearing. J. Galligan indicated that everything comes down to three options. If anything is done less than the \$15,000,000/\$16,000,000 then you can't get over the hurdle. It comes down to financing the project. The first option is everything is put on taxation, raising the mil rate. The second option is putting everything on just the users. The third option is that you take the annual operations and make it part of the user fee. Then, J. Galligan added the fourth option of doing nothing.

J. Galligan indicated that everyone should attend the meeting tomorrow night to add to the discussion. For discussion purpose only, if you take the third option, the user is going to get an increase in cost per year. The people who are paying only the Capital improvement, their increase will be less. Most towns, for example Seymour, have the major plant improvements are through the taxes and the operations are through the user.

J. Smith mentioned the people living on Dolly Lane who have been asking for sewers and it was turned down. Now, the mil rate will be increased for sewer and they are going to ask why they should pay since they don't have sewers and want sewer but wasn't given sewers.

W. Opuszynski indicated that he received a report from the finance manager and we are \$129,xxx.xx in the leachate fund. J. Galligan asked how much is paid monthly/annually and W. Opuszynski indicated that it is dependent on the gallons. He did a tally from 1996 to about 5 or 6 months ago and it was over a \$1,000,000. We get about \$16,000 to \$28,000 per quarter. J. Galligan indicated that 12 ½% of what the operational fund is going to be. J. Smith indicated that if you take that plus the connection fee, there is money to go towards the project.

J. Smith noted that next year, the cost of the nitrogen is going to be \$49,000 and W. Opuszynski corrected that it will be more, \$58,000 to \$59,000, with the way they are calculating it. J. Galligan indicated that you can be getting \$5x,xxx.xx instead of paying \$5x,xxx.xx. J. Smith asked W. Opuszynski asked if he could get a rough number of what we got from Beacon Heights for tomorrow night's meeting.

J. Smith noted that the longer we wait, the more people are selling credit rather than buying credits. W. Opuszynski added that you have to look at how you're going to do the upgrade. If you do it and can't meet those numbers, then it's still an expense. If you do it and do it as a negative, then you can make money. The results for pounds per day, in a month, we went from the 50s and now we're at 67 pounds per day. J. Smith asked if this is because we cleaned the tanks and W. Opuszynski responded no, we have had more seepage. J. Smith asked if you can get rid of nitrogen in a septic tank before coming to us and J. Galligan indicated no.

7. New Business

J. Smith indicated that there was a grinder pump that turned out to be something else rather than the grinder pump. This was on a Friday night and J. Smith indicated that he called E1. He was instructed as to how to test it; took the panel box off; bypassed the fuse and panel box; and the pump worked. Then, he filled it from the vent with water with a hose and there was no problem but the sewage was backing up in the house. He disconnected the line and pumped the sewage out of the house. There must be a clog from the house to the grinder pump. The homeowner was instructed to snake out the line. Nothing else as this time has been heard regarding this call. This was a service call for a grinder pump and was not the town's responsibility since the clog was in the homeowner's line itself, and not the town's line.

J. Smith asked if there was any other new business to be discussed. W. Opuszynski indicated that Charlie Edwards appeared before Inland Wetlands regarding the revision of his subdivision. He advised that sewer would only be on Fairfield Place and the rest would be septic.

a. Treatment Plant Monthly Report

J. Smith indicated that the report shows \$24,094 for leachate. J. Weed asked how many gallons are treated per year on the average. W. Opuszynski indicated approximately 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 a year. J. Smith indicated that it's about 1.5 million gallons per month of leachate. W. Opuszynski indicated that this month we got a little over 600,000 and last month was about the same in the dry season. We are close to what we did last year and still have three months to go. J. Weed asked why is that and W. Opuszynski replied that we have a dryer time, doing about 1,000,000 every month this year.

b. Budget and Payment of Bills

There is a bill for \$6,597.23 from Woodard & Curran that couldn't be voted on since we didn't have a quorum. J. Smith asked for a motion to pay this bill that covers through August 8, 2014.

Motion to accept and pay the bill as submitted by Woodard & Curran: **Komar/Weed; no discussion;** all ayes.

There is a bill for 34 Briarwood Road for the failure of the grinder pump. The motor housing assembly completed with new motor was noted on the bill. It was fixed and the day later it failed. They came back and didn't charge since the corrosion should have been seen. The amount was for \$973.75.

A bill from New England Septic for an emergency call to pump out the tank in order for the tank to be pulled out was received in the amount of \$225.00 (\$80.00 for the emergency call and \$140.00 for grinder pump tank).

J. Smith asked for a motion to pay Water Resources Technologies and New England Septic.

Motion to accept and pay the bill as submitted by Water Resources Technologies:
Weed/Pruzinsky; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion to accept and pay the bill as submitted by New England Septic: **Weed/Pruzinsky; no discussion; all ayes.**

There was a purchase order from the Town of Beacon Falls for the Clerk in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. J. Smith asked for a motion to approve the purchase order.

Motion to approve the purchase order from the Town of Beacon Falls for the Clerk position as submitted: **Pruzinsky/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.**

There are several bills from Nafis & Young for J. Galligan. The first invoice is in the amount of \$290.00 dated 02/28/2014. The second invoice is in the amount of \$253.75 dated 09/30/2014.

Motion to accept and pay the 02/28/2014 bill from Nafis & Young in the amount of \$290.00 as submitted: **Weed/Pruzinsky; no discussion; all ayes.**

Motion to accept and pay the 09/30/2014 bill from Nafis & Young in the amount of \$253.75 as submitted: **Komar/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.**

There is a bill from Woodard & Curran in the amount of \$19,591.02 dated 06/30/2014 received. There was some discussion regarding this bill and an explanation is needed from D. Prickett. J. Smith asked for a motion to pay subject to an explanation.

Motion to pay the 06/30/14 bill from Woodard & Curran in the amount of \$19,591.02 subject to explanation from D. Prickett: **Weed/Komar; no discussion; all ayes.**

c. Clerk's Invoice

There was no invoice from the clerk submitted at tonight's meeting.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence discussed at tonight's meeting.

9. Miscellaneous

There were no further miscellaneous items discussed at tonight's meeting.

10. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session discussed at tonight's meeting.

11. Petitions from Commissioners

There were no Petitions from Commissioners discussed at tonight's meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:33 P.M.: **Komar/Weed; no discussion; all ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Water Pollution Control Authority