

Burrillville Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting of 12/13/2011
Board Room of the BWWTF

Members Present: Don C. Wolfe – Chairman
William Peterson – Commission Member
Irene P. Smith – Commission Member
Richard Nolan – Commission Member

Members Absent: William Andrews – Vice Chairman

Also Present: Walter J. Kane – Attorney for the Commission
James J. Geremia – Consulting Engineer
John Martin III – Superintendent
Richard Dionne – Conservation Commission Member
Robert Sweeney – Mr. Doughboy
Peg Franklin – Office Manager
Stacey Richard – Financial Aide

Mr. Wolfe opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Correspondence:

Continued from November 8th meeting

12-05-06 – Revised/Reconsider vote taken at November 8, 2011 meeting regarding canoe launch – Correspondence from Kevin Cleary, PE, regarding canoe launch site

Discussion – Mr. Dionne read a letter from Kevin Cleary, dated December 8, 2011. Mr. Wolfe stated that the Commission had some concerns that it may be a short period of time before the plant would need to be expanded and they would have to take the land back. Mr. Dionne stated that he understood a plant expansion may be coming sooner than later. Mr. Kane stated that he will send a letter to the Conservation Commission per the vote at the November 8, 2011 meeting.

Continued – Mr. Sweeney (Mr. Doughboy Rest.) plan and letter to be submitted by December meeting

Discussion – Mr. Sweeney presented a letter from himself and Mr. Ruotolo, Engineer. Mr. Peterson noted that this item should be on next month's agenda and that Mr. Sweeney should have the plans submitted to the Commission office by December 27, 2011.

Agenda Item – The question of accepting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes.

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011 and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Public Comment: None

Update of RIPDES Permit – Mr. Geremia stated that himself, Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Martin met with representatives from DEM on November 21, 2011 to discuss the Commission's concerns with the RIPDES permit. Mr. Geremia handed out a draft letter with the three main concerns of the new RIPDES permit, copper, cyanide, and total phosphorus. Mr. Geremia stated that the letter should be reviewed by Mr. Martin and the Commission and be sent to DEM by the end of this year. Mr. Kane suggested the letter go out under Mr. Wolfe's name. There was some discussion on where the money would come from to do the plant upgrade. Mr. Kane asked Mr. Geremia provide a timeline on the RIPDES permit for Ms. Franklin so that she may have it on the agenda each month.

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to send the letter to DEM under Mr. Wolfe's name. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Memo from John Mainville, Finance Director, regarding Capital Improvement Program Submissions

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to submit the Capital Improvement Program list as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Memo from Michael Wood, Town Manager, regarding the RI Energy Aggregation Program (REAP)

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to join the program along with the Town. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nolan.

Correspondence:

Continued- Casa Fernandes connection – plan to be submitted by December meeting – Mrs. Franklin stated that the plans were received this morning. Mr. Wolfe asked that they be given to the engineer for a review and that this item be placed on next month's agenda.

12-06-09 – Correspondence from A. Easterbrooks requesting waiver of penalties on sewer use

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to waive the penalties. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

12-06-10 – Correspondence from David Becker requesting waiver of penalties on sewer use

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to waive the penalties. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

12-06-11 – Correspondence from Tiffany Barton requesting waiver of penalties on sewer use

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to waive the penalties. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

12-06-13 – Correspondence from Judith Alpert requesting a waiver of penalties on sewer use charge

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to waive the penalties. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

12-06-12 – Correspondence from Matthew Stamp, due to financial hardship is requesting a waiver of our "application to connect" requirements which states, properties with more than three (3) units must have the sewer design completed by a registered P.E. in the State of RI. Property has four (4) units

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to grant the waiver for Mr. Stamp and that his plans still be reviewed by our Engineer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Engineer's Report:

Status of School Street/Eagle Peak Stations – Mr. Geremia reported that the pump at School Street had gone into motor overload which was the result of a shirt becoming wrapped around the pump. The shirt was removed and the pump is running again. Mr. Geremia also reported the random motor overload alarms are still coming in from Eagle Peak and he has asked the electricians to look at this problem and the soft starts.

Revised pay estimate request #8–Boyle & Fogarty–School St./Eagle Peak Pump Station

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to accept the Engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Attorney's Report:

Status Update – Mr. Kane reported that the court proceedings are being held until after January 1, 2012, when the new Rules & Regulations go into effect.

Mr. Kane also reported that Mr. Kravitz, Town Planner, has asked for a letter stating that the Treatment Plant has the capacity to handle the discharge from LaGinestra. Mr. Kane suggested the Commission authorize him to send the letter stating that the plant does have the capacity to handle the discharge from LaGinestra as long as they meet the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Voted – Mr. Peterson made a motion to accept the Attorney's report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Martin presented the Superintendent's report for the month of November, 2011.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Month of November 2011

1. OPERATIONS:

A.	<u>Influent to Treatment Facility :</u>	M.G.	Date Occurred
	Average daily flow	1.0605	N/A
	Maximum daily flow	1.2110	01-Nov
	Minimum daily flow	0.9470	21-Nov
B.	<u>Biochemical Oxygen Demand :</u>	Percent removal	Average Concentration
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 30.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	98.9%	2.9
C.	<u>Total Suspended Solids :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 30.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	98.8%	5.7
D.	<u>Total Phosphorus :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 1.00 mg/l
	Facility achieved	95.3%	0.28
E.	<u>Total Ammonia :</u>		

E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 31.5 mg/l
Facility achieved	88.6%	2.4

F. Disposed Sludge :

Dry Tons disposed of	26.61
Number of loads removed	33
Average dry tons/load	0.81

2. COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATIONS:

There were two call-ins during the month. One at Rock Avenue ejector station and one at the Mohegan pump station. All were alarm resets and stations returned to normal operation.

Mr. Peterson made a motion to accept the Superintendent's report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Sewer Use/Sewer Assessment Write-Offs – None

Being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Peterson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Richard
Financial Aide