



Colchester Sewer and Water Commission

Minutes of the 14 May 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting

Municipal Office Complex
Colchester, Connecticut

Members Present: R. Tarlov, R. LeMay, T. Tyler, T. Tripodi, S. Boyden, A. Pelletier
(arrived at approximately 7:20 during discussion of item 3)

Members Absent: K. Fagnoli

Others Present: M. Decker (Public Works Director), Joe Szczecyh (Par 3 resident)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission 9 April 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting minutes** – *Motion to approve the minutes of the 9 April 2008 regular monthly meeting as presented, by R. LeMay, second by T. Tyler, Motion approved 5-0*
3. **Citizen's Comments** (Commission member S. Boyden identified himself as property manager for Par 3 community and recused himself from any action taken on the subject) Mr. J. Szczech expressed concern about three failures of the development's sanitary sewer force main and presented an interpretation letter issued by the State Building Inspector clarifying Building Official requirements under the Code. There was significant discussion regarding public vs. private ownership of the line, inspections that occurred and determination of future responsibilities, and warranty requirements by the developer. It was concluded the issue needs to be discussed further with the Town Building Official and, because it is a private sewer system and the interpretation from the State Building Inspector, it appears the Sewer and Water Commission did not have ultimate responsibility over the inspection. It was noted by m. Decker, the Town Building official indicated he will be contacting developers who had sanitary and storm sewer installations recently requesting them to provide certification by the design engineers that the installations were in substantial conformance with the design.
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - A. **Finance Subcommittee – transfers, monthly update, etc.** – Monthly financial reports were discussed. M. Decker reported the following:

- o water operating revenue projections were still running approximately \$60,000 above actual receipts. The impact will be less money available to put in capital fund;
- o there are still a few Sewer Benefit Assessments with payment plans being worked out and will likely send three or four to collections;
- o Generator information submitted to the Facilities Manager for submittal to CL&P

5. Water Activities

- A. Water Activities Report** - production and lab reports were made available for review. Activities include continued meter replacements, hydrant flushing, well 4 roof evaluation, project work, mark-outs, main break on 30 April on Norwich Ave, beginning work on newsletter/CCR
- B. Water Projects Status**- Autumn Ridge – pre-construction – developer is going to begin with water line connection across rear of property from Highland tank to North Woods property and with remaining portions of common access road.
GND Too –completed taps to all 14 buildings
Coyle Apartments – separated service to four units
North Woods – no date yet on when they will begin work on Phase II
Keystone Shoppes – no activity yet on interior water mains, main connection at Linwood Ave completed into site
Rockville Bank – completed CO inspection
Grant Application for preparation of master plan for commercial zone area submitted
- C. APZ Reviews** – no new reviews – APA registration filing deadline for non-compliant activities within APA has expired – all 16 properties completed their submissions on time

6. Sewer Activities

- A. Joint Facilities Report** – meeting topics included general budget discussion (revised Colchester/East Hampton contributions to align with budget numbers passed by Colchester, GreenStream is backing out on generator project – not economically feasible, Septage Receiving facility – design work initiated
- B. Sewer Activities Report** – short-lived break in the force main at a drain valve on Old Hartford Road on afternoon of 10 April – quickly controlled and repaired. Power problems at PHPS – high voltage overnight – controlled – more work by CL&P required. Pump at Flatbrook OC Station failed – cannot be rebuilt, needs replacement
- C. Sewer Projects Status** – completed installation of lateral to Bldg B at Keystone, pressure tested mains – no other project work

7. Old Business

- A. Taintor Hill Road Treatment Plant Improvements** – Reviewed status of project, new filter vessels pressure tested and filled, static mixer installed, electrical work, coordination with CL&P, ceiling work, pipe taps for chemical injection lines, working on gauges and vents for filters
- B. Well 5A/Aeration Tower Project** – Weston & Sampson working on construction documents
- C. Capital Projects (Tank Painting, Meters, O&M Roof, Lyman Viaduct)** – revised tank painting specs generated, advertisement for bid on Monday the 12th, will be contracting for test pressure wash to see how much material chips off – will impact approach required on smaller tank.
Continued meter installations on a slower pace – will begin advertising for the part-time help very soon so they will be available for 1 July with primary activity being meter replacement program.

- O&M Roof/ceiling work completed – working on final light installations
Lyman viaduct – initial engineering survey completed – met with DEP – outlet structure in poor condition – draft report issued and being reviewed – estimated repair cost \$600K – will use money left from initial grant to improve access road and will be requesting State for emergency repair money for outfall structure work
- D. CT WARN – Status** – joint meeting BOS agreed – move forward with request and have solicited input on agreement from attorney and insurance carrier
- E. Flatbrook Sewer Booster Station** – scheduling interviews
- F. Other** – none
- 8. New Business** –Streamflow Monitoring program proposal from Milone & MacBroom – Reduced program because the initial five-year period required by DEP has expired. *Motion to forward the Milone & MacBroom streamflow monitoring proposal to the Board of Selectmen with a motion to approve, by T. Tyler, second by S. Boyden; Motion approved 6-0*
- 9. Citizens Comments** - none
- 10. Adjourn** – *Motion to adjourn, by R. LeMay, second by S. Boyden; Motion approved 6-0*

Respectfully submitted,
M. Decker