



Colchester Sewer and Water Commission

Minutes of the 18 January 2009 Special Meeting

Municipal Office Complex
Colchester, Connecticut

Members Present: R. Tarlov, R. LeMay, S. Boyden, D. Ferrigno, A. Pelletier, T. Tyler, T. Tripodi (arrived during agenda item 7)
Members Absent: K. Fagnoli
Others Present: M. Decker (Public Works Director)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Tarlov called the Special Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission 4 February 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes of the 4 February 2009 Sewer and Water Commission Regular Monthly Meeting as presented, by R. LeMay, second by A. Pelletier; Motion approved 6-0
3. **Citizen's Comments** – none
4. **Discussion and possible action on the draft 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets, Rates, and Fees** – As there were no citizens present at the Public Hearing; Chairman Tarlov asked if any Commissioners had additional thoughts/comments on the proposed budget. Hearing none, R. LeMay motioned, T. Tyler seconded, to send the proposed 2009/2010 fiscal year budgets, rates, and fees to the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation to approve; Motion approved 6-0
5. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - A. **Finance – transfers, monthly update** – *Monthly financials were presented and discussed. M. Decker reported the overtime transfer request was not available because overtime requirements still exist at the plant until all alarm issues are resolved.*
6. **Water Activities**
 - A. **Water Activities Report** – M. Decker reported activities have focused on plant work to finish up inside the Treatment Plant and overseeing the contractor with punch list items, conducted a single-filter loading rate test, water main break on Beechwood, meter replacement program, cross-connection survey report preparation
 - B. **Water Projects Status** – no new construction activities
 - C. **APA Reviews** – M. Decker described proposed additions to the Pierpont Plaza (Stop & Shop property) indicating Town Engineer S. Tassone has compiled information from the original site plan approval showing the value of the upland area as a buffer to the wetland area and the ground water enhancement detention ponds previously constructed.

7. **Sewer Activities**
 - A. **Joint Facilities Report** –no February Joint Facilities meeting
 - B. **Sewer Activities Report** – no new activities
 - C. **Sewer Projects Status** - no new construction activities

8. **Old Business**
 - A. **Taintor Hill Road Treatment Plant Improvements** – the department completed another test run with one filter isolated and all controls being carefully monitored – water quality tests obtained and are awaiting lab results but, based on indicator tests performed during the study, 12 to 12.5 hours of run time appear achievable at current loading rate while flowing at 150 gpm. He commented that while it is not the 14+ hours originally anticipated, it is close and a dramatic improvement from the 8 hour run times that previously occurred. It is also encouraging because, when comingled with Well 3 water, which has slightly lower iron concentrations, additional improvements to the run times are expected. Once official lab results are obtained, a meeting will be scheduled with Layne-Christensen to discuss and complete the final stages of operation training.
 - B. **Well 5A Pump/Motor Replacement Project** – specification review is nearly complete. Documents should be ready for distribution the week of the 23rd
 - C. **Lyman Viaduct**- M. Decker reported he, East Hampton Public Utilities Administrator Vincent Susco, and State Representative Linda Orange, testified before the Joint Committee on the Environment last week requesting \$650,000 grant to be used for emergency repair of the Lyman Viaduct outfall structure. Representative Orange’s desire is for the request to make it out of Committee and eventually to the Bond Commission for approval.
 - D. **Other**- none

9. **New Business – UST Fund Application** – M. Decker reported on his discussion with Mark Temple of Lenard Engineering, who prepared all prior submittals for the Town to the Underground Storage Tank fund. He believes there may be opportunity to recover some of the expenses associated with the aeration tower portion of the Treatment Plant project. Department staff will compile the majority of the information and Lenard Engineering will compile it and complete the application, defend it through the technical and financial review process and then present it before the Review Committee. Lenard’s costs are eligible for reimbursement. *Motion to request Lenard Engineering to prepare a proposal for preparation and filing of a supplemental application to the UST fund for a fee not to exceed \$2,500, by R. LeMay, second by D. Ferrigno; Motion approved 7-0.*

10. **Citizens Comments** – none

11. **Adjourn** – *Motion to adjourn, by R. LeMay, second by A. Pelletier; Motion approved 7-0.*
Chairman Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Decker