



Colchester Sewer and Water Commission

Minutes of the 14 January 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting

Municipal Office Complex
Colchester, Connecticut

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

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Chairman LeMay called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission 10 December 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting** *Motion to approve the minutes of the 10 December Sewer and Water Commission regular monthly meeting as presented, by T. Tripodi, second by D. Ferrigno; Motion approved 3-0 (R. LeMay abstained, A. Pelletier and T. Tyler arrived just after the vote)*
3. **Citizen's Comments** - none
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - A. **Finance** –
 - Transfers** – M. Decker indicated the Water Operating overtime budget is overdrawn. He will generate an estimate of future expenses and prepare a Transfer request for the February meeting. Water and sewer liens are also both over budget but those are wash items so will hold off on requesting a transfer until later in the year. Water lab fees is also nearing the budget, a transfer request will be presented at the February meeting.
 - Monthly financial reports** – monthly financial reports were reviewed and discussed
 - Quarterly billing/payment options** – nothing new from IT
 - Department Manpower structure** – with holidays and other work loads, the review is not complete
 - Disputes** – No action required on dispute, no credit warranted. Discussion regarding possible policy for sewer credit for lawn establishment. No action taken.
 - BA Status** – two with attorney, one more paid off, one paid half – other half coming next week (week of 1-12), two paid on installments
 - 09/10 Budgets** – M. Decker reported the 3rd quarter billing is complete but use-based revenue is only approximately 73% through ¾ of the fiscal year. Likely cause for being slightly below 75% is the rainy summer and the voluntary conservation status while in

plant construction. The finance subcommittee will need to meet in the next couple weeks to review draft budgets. To meet the required time line, the Commission agreed to reschedule the regular February monthly meeting from the 11th to the 4th and to tentatively plan on a public hearing on the 18th with presentation of the budget to the Board of Selectmen on the at their meeting on the 19th.

5. Water Activities

- A. Water Activities Report** – activities have focused on meter reading and cross-connection inspections; there was a significant run-around with the State regarding semi-volatile organics testing for Well 5A and were initially issued a notice of violation with order to provide notice to our customers – turns out, after many, many calls, DPH had a technical error in their system which showed us in violation but that has since been cleared up. Filed the DEP diversion permit annual report. Balance was primarily plant work (see below). Main breaks on Meyer, Elliott, Beechwood, and Boretz.
- B. Water Projects Status** – no new construction activities – couple meters installed at Par 3

6. Sewer Activities

- A. Joint Facilities Report** – no December meeting – next meeting will be 20 January at 5:00. Lakeside Unit for the upgrade to the Septage Receiving Facility arrived last week
- B. Sewer Activities Report** – all systems within Colchester working reasonably well
- C. Sewer Projects Status** – no new sewer construction activities

7. Old Business

- A. Taintor Hill Road Treatment Plant Improvements** – M. Decker reported the project is nearing completion with all 5 filters are running and continued tweaking being performed. Performing only one backwash a day, albeit using all filters. Therefore, operating at about 60 gpm per filter so loading rate is well below design but are concentrating on getting good water out, minimizing overtime, and trying to increase the loading rates further. Still have some work on Well 3 to get it tuned in to SCADA system and issues with some valves but, all-in –all, the end appears in sight. Still have to do another single filter run to try and gauge the loading rates after all the changes recommended by Layne have been performed but we are waiting until Well 3 is fully functional so both sources can be tested to see if there is a raw water impact
- B. Well 5 Demolition Project** – SK still reviewing
- C. Flatbrook Sewer Booster Station** – pressure testing being conducted - will distribute the draft evaluation report when it is available
- D. Lyman Viaduct** – Wetlands administrative approval obtained for the two crossings. Reviewing the DAS site for State contracts but are having trouble with that approach – may need to issue a bid request
- E. Well 4 ceiling** – work completed
- F. Par 3-** Dutton & Associates have completed their inspection and are issuing an evaluation report with recommendation. If the work cannot be completed by the time of the next closing, Building official will likely issue a bond requirement for the repairs
- G. Other** – none

8. New Business

- A. Economic Stimulus** - The Town has submitted various projects for the economic stimulus submittal with the most time-consuming one being the paired package with the State DOT associated with their maintenance facility north of the Lake Hayward

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Rd. commuter lot – water and sewer extension to intersection of 85 and Lake Hayward Rd including pump station

9. Citizens Comments - none

10. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn, by S. Boyden, second by T. Tripodi; Motion approved 6-0.
Vice Chairman LeMay adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Decker