



## Colchester Sewer and Water Commission

### Minutes of the 10 March 2010

### Regular Monthly Meeting

Municipal Office Complex  
Colchester, Connecticut

**Members Present:** R. LeMay, D. Ferrigno, R. Jones, T. Tyler, A. Pelletier, S. Coyle  
**Members Absent:** S. Boyden, T. Tripodi  
**Others Present:** M. Decker (Public Works Director), Bacon Academy civics student

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman LeMay called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed Mr. Steve Coyle as a new member to the Commission
2. **Additions to the Agenda**- none
3. **Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission 11 February 2010 Budget Public Hearing and the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes** – *Motion to approve the minutes of the 11 February 2010 Budget Public Hearing and the Regular Monthly Meeting as presented, by R. Jones, second by D. Ferrigno; Motion approved 3-0 (R. Jones, S. Coyle abstained – A. Pelletier arrived after the vote)*
4. **Citizen's Comments** - none
5. **Subcommittee Reports**
  - A. **Finance – Monthly financial reports, other-** Updated January reports, which now included the loan payments, were distributed. February reports were also distributed with the notation they have not been balanced to Munis because several items have not been input yet. M. Decker noted the overdraw on the equipment repair line item in water is because the transfer of \$5,850 of those expenses for the valve and hydrant work on 354 had not yet been transferred to the Fire Department. M. Decker also explained a new report summarizing the

water and sewer designated and undesignated capital funds.

**B. 2010/2011 Budget** – M. Decker reported the 2010/2011 Sewer and Water Commission Operating budget, rates, and fees were approved by the BOS at their meeting on 18 March; the rates were published in the paper and recorded in the Town Clerks office as required. Rate cards have been prepared and will be distributed with the 1 April bill.

M. Decker reported, for clarification purposes, any agreements made between employees and the Town with respect to wages, will automatically be incorporated into the SWC budgets regardless of how they show up in the budget presented (e.g., if no wage increase is included in the Town budgets for a certain staff person or persons, there will be no wage increase in the SWC budgets even if one had been show there).

M. Decker also reported they have met with AT&T and are eliminating three accounts previously used for communication between various stations now that radio wave telemetry through the SCADA system is being used. This will result in a nearly \$7,000 savings annually. With this savings, the water supervisor is looking to upgrade the alarm system at the plant to include intrusion/fire/loss of service.

## 6. Water Activities

**A. Water Activities Report** – M. Decker reported staff has been working with the company responsible for the valves at the plant regarding the Filter No.1 Rinse Valve – the contractor is repairing it once again and if it doesn't work, they will replace it; worked on plant close-out documents – completed final As-Built Plan; staff attended the AWWA ATCAVE program and participated in several CEU training programs; Service Work included mark outs, finals, we had a main break on Dr. Foote road – had to hire a contractor to do the work because it was during a snow event; Monthly water quality sampling, cross connection annual report submitted to DPH; STEAP Qualification submittals reviews; continued meter replacement program and began quarterly meter readings on 1 March

**B. Water Projects Status** – meters being installed at units at Keystone and Village at Colchester but no other new construction activity

## 7. Sewer Activities

**A. Joint Facilities Report** –there has been no meeting since the 11 Feb SWC meeting – the next Joint Facilities meeting is 16 March 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

**B. Sewer Activities Report** – continued repairs required to the furnace at the PHPS, because of the extent of the repairs, information will be obtained on replacement costs; otherwise, system functioning well;

**C. Sewer Projects Status** – no new activity

## 8. Old Business

**A. Taintor Hill Road Treatment Plant Improvements** – review of revised plans after requested changes were made has resulted in final approval and acceptance of the close-out documents – a letter is being generated – final retainage being released. The warranty is still in place for the valves because of

the repair status.

**B. Stream Flow Regulations** – DEP is preparing responses to the approximately 400 submittals filed at the Public Hearing. HB-5477 has been issued as legislative action regarding the stream flow regulations. A public hearing is scheduled for 12 March with the CWWA Executive Director, the Colchester Public Works Director, and several other water companies speaking in favor of the intent of the legislation. This will likely not go anywhere but it will be another venue to present the case against the DEP proposed Standards and Regulations.

**C. STEAP Grant status** – The review committee short listed six consultants (AECOM, CLA Engineers, Lenard Engineering, Milone & MacBroom, Weston & Sampson, and Wright-Pierce). Letters were issued to the remaining firms. Interviews will be conducted on 30 and 31 March

**D. Colchester Courtyard** – provided copies of the water main plans and specifications to Jim Ericson of Lenard – Courtyard has hired him to evaluate the opportunity for extension of the sewer lines as well as the water lines previously proposed

**E. Federal Appropriation application** – the application for federal funding for the water and sewer main infrastructure extension along Rt. 85 from Rt. 354 to Lake Hayward Road including the pump station has been submitted with several letters supporting the project.

9. **New Business/Additions to Agenda** - none
10. **Citizens Comments** – none, there was a brief discussion with the Bacon civics student where general questions were answered
11. **Adjourn** – *Motion to adjourn, by D. Ferrigno, second by S. Coyle; Motion approved 6-0.* Chairman LeMay adjourned the meeting at 8:11.p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Decker