



Colchester Sewer and Water Commission

Minutes of the March 14, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting

Municipal Office Complex
Colchester, Connecticut

Members Present: R. LeMay, R. Jones, T. Tripodi, K. Fargnoli (7:15 p.m.), S. Coyle, R. Silberman, S. Boyden

Members Absent:

Others Present: J.Paggioli (Public Works)

1. **Call to Order-** Chairman LeMay called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda** – Motion was made by S. Coyle and Seconded by T. Tripodi to move Item 8G, Budget FY12-13 to the top of the agenda for discussion and action. Motion passed 6-0-0.
- 8 G. **Budget FY 12-13** - Chairman LeMay opened the discussion of the budget presented to the members for any questions or concerns. As presented the proposed budget is a zero rate increase from the existing FY 11-12 budget for both, Water and Sewer Operational Budgets. No concerns were brought forward by the members and no member of the public either attended the Public Hearing or the Regular Meetings regarding the budget. The Commission decided to recommend the proposed budget be presented to the Board of Selectmen for adoption. A Motion was put forward that: The Sewer and Water Commission hereby recommend to the Board of Selectmen the Proposed Operational Sewer and Water Budget for FY12-13 as presented for approval and adoption. The Water portion totaling \$937,855 and Sewer portion totaling \$860,423. The budget as presented reflects a zero percent increase from the existing rates for Sewer and Water services for FY 12-13. Motion by S. Coyle, Seconded by T. Tripodi. Vote: 6-0-0. The motion was passed.
3. **Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission January 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes of the January 11,

2012 Sewer and Water Commission regular monthly meeting as submitted, by T. Tripodi, Seconded by R. Jones; Motion approved 5-0 (S. Coyle abstained)

4. Citizen's Comments - No Citizens were present to comment.

5. Subcommittee Reports

A. Finance – Transfers, Monthly financial reports, Quarterly billing, Disputes, other

Dispute –Request for Sewer Credit – Leak that occurred at 493 Norwich Avenue prior to the facility being occupied between 9/1/2011 and 11/8/2011. Mr. Kevin Kennedy had requested to attend, however due to health issues he was unable to attend. The issue was tabled, however since no written request has been provided, interest is still accruing on the delinquency.

Transfers –

1) Motion was made to Transfer Excess Monies collected from FY 10-11 Water Budget and unexpended Monies within the Water Operating Budget to The Undesignated Water Capital Fund in the Amount of \$76,153.34. Motion by S. Coyle, Seconded by R. Silberman. Vote passed: 7-0

2) Motion was made to Transfer Excess Monies collected from FY 10-11 Sewer Budget and unexpended Monies within the Sewer Operating Budget to The Undesignated Water Capital Fund in the Amount of 63,813.40. Motion by T.Tripodi, Seconded by R. Silberman. Vote passed: 7-0

3) At a meeting last year, I mentioned the remaining invoice that was under dispute between the Conn. DOT and the Town of Colchester regarding a \$76,772.26 concerning the improvements that were made to the water system during the Halls Hill Road Project. Mr. Sal Tassone was successful in negotiating a reduction to the invoice for the Water Main improvements to \$48,104.82. Motion was made to Pay to the Department of Transportation \$48,104.82 from the Undesignated Water Capital Fund in order to close out the Water Improvement Portion the Halls Hill Project. Motion by T.Tripodi, Seconded by R. Silberman. Vote passed: 6-0 (K.Fargnoli abstained)

Monthly Financials – Monthly financials were distributed and discussed.

Quarterly Billing –As of 2/29/12 we have collected 72.2% of the projected budget. Including the third quarter, we have billed out 74.3% of the “projected budgeted” total. This will be extremely close at the close of the year for actual use and projected budget.

Other-

Chairman Lemay made the Commission aware of that the Volunteer Fair is scheduled for March 28, 2012 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Town Hall. At least one or two members will be present at the Fair.

6. Water Activities

A. Water Activities Report – J. Paggioli reported activities performed since the last meeting include:

1) Service Work: Mark outs, Finals, Multiple Profiles were conducted by staff.

- 2) New Developments: Flom Subdivision (Jordan) - No activity; One Unit at Northwoods.
- 3) Taintor Hill Treatment Plant: General
- 4) Well No. 4- Pilot Filter installed and monitoring.
- 5) Storage Tank Mixer-De-stratification Tank Modification-Stratification Sampling Equipment-Data will be continued through out the Spring.
- 6) Water Line and Sewer Right of Ways were cleared of Brush and Overgrowth.
- 7) O&M Facility: Staff is evaluating the possibility of “recycling” the former propane generator that was previously used at the Filtration Plant, for deployment at the O&M facility.
- 8) Monthly Water Quality Sampling- No issues.
- 9) Mainbreaks: 0
- 10) Review of Plans: Individual Lift Station review at Northwoods.
- 11) Winter Storm Alfred Update** – The declaration for Storm Relief excluded New London County from major disaster relief. It did include 72 hours of debris management for the county. **Mr. Paggioli met with Frederick Bury of FEMA and it was determined that up to 72 hours of overtime and generator reimbursement time would be granted under Category B of the Town’s application.**

B. Water Projects Status –

- 1) The Water Supply Plan- Lenard Engineering is continuing to prepare the plan, First Review was submitted to staff on 12 March 2012. Preliminary numbers are very encouraging as to existing supply meeting demand for near term foreseen projects. Lenard Engineering has stated that meeting the submission deadline will not be a problem.

7. Sewer Activities

A. Joint Facilities Report – The Rotary Drum Thickener project has been recommended to not proceed at the present time and all bids were returned to the contractors. The project is effectively tabled until adequate funding is on hand and available. The likelihood is that the funding alternative will be submitted for the Fall of 2012 and if successful, the project will restart the procurement process one year from the date of the last meeting.

B. Sewer Activities Report – No issues were reported on the Colchester Portion of the System.

C. Sewer Projects Status –

- 1) Proposed Lebanon Portion of the Amston Lake sewer extension- The preconstruction meeting was held. The anticipated start date is March 6, 2012 for operations within Lebanon. For the portion that occurs within Deepwood Drive in Colchester, a road excavation permit is required, and the contractor was forwarded the information.

8. Old Business

A. STEAP Grant – Mr. Paggioli and Mr. Adam Turner met with the developers of Tractor Supply in order to determine their willingness to construct the remaining portion of the main from where the State DOT will end the project and the timing of the work. DOT has indicated that the Water main is scheduled to be operational as of 11/5/12. The pump station is schedule to be operational early in the spring of 2013. The developer is presently having difficulties with the

- A.C.O.E. regarding nationwide permits. The timing is likely to delay the opening of Tractor supply until Spring of 2013. The developer was hoping for a October 2012 turning of the store over to Tractor Supply such that the store would be open by Thanksgiving 2012. **March Update:** Awaiting the State DOT to publish the bid. K. Fargnoli was able to provide a bid date of 4/18/2012 for the project.
- B. I&I Study Discussion**– As part of the Right of Way clearing, the work area between Old Hebron Road and Amston Road within the wetlands was prioritized. As previously surmised the frames of the manholes are at or below the existing water elevation at 6 of the manholes. It is recommended that these manholes frames be raised 18 to 24 inches and the manholes be sealed to minimize infiltration prior to the study in the upcoming low water season.
- C. Colchester Courtyard Update** – Meeting held at DPH to review draft of Courtyard Capital Improvement plan and cost comparison to legal interconnection for 10 year time frame on 2/8/12. No final plan received to date.
- D. Capital Planning Update.**- No proposed discussion on the issue for this meeting.
- E. FEMA Reimbursement Tropical Storm Irene-** all request forms are at FEMA, awaiting final review and payment.
Note Winter Storm Alfred –it was determined that up to 72 hours of overtime and generator reimbursement time would be granted under Category B of the Town’s application. Application being prepared.
- F. Stream Flow Regulations** - No actions.
- G. Budget FY 12-13** – See above.
- 9. Additions to Agenda**
- 10. Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn, by T. Tripodi, seconded by R.Silberman; Motion approved 7-0. Chairman LeMay adjourned the meeting at 8.02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Paggioli, L.S.