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Colchester Sewer and Water Commission

Minutes of the October 9, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting Municipal Office Complex Colchester, Connecticut

Members Present: R. LeMay, R. Jones, K. Fagnoli, S. Coyle, R. Silberman, R. Peter
Members Absent: T. Tripodi
Others Present: R. Tarlov (BOF liaison) at 8:20, G. Cordova (BOS liaison) at 8:20.
J.Paggioli (Public Works)

1. **Call to Order-** Chairman LeMay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda** – None
3. **Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission September 11, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 regular monthly meeting as submitted, with a typographic correction on Item 6A, by R. Peter, second by R. Silberman; Motion approved 5-0-1 (R. Jones abstained)
4. **Citizen's Comments** - Students of the Bacon Academy that were in attendance at part of their curriculum asked some general questions.
5. **Subcommittee Reports**
A. Finance – Transfers, Monthly financial reports, Quarterly billing, Disputes, other
Transfers – None

Monthly Financials – Monthly financials were distributed and discussed.

Quarterly Billing –As of 9/30/13 we have collected 24.8% of the projected budget and we have billed out 25.1% of the “projected”. The second quarter billing was successfully completed by the “new” staff.

Disputes: Request for sewer credit was received from Gary Laliberte at 251 South Main Street. The location suffered from an internal washing machine line that burst, and was directed to the sump pump of the basement and discharges to the rear of the yard. Mr. Paggioli verified the discharge was not to the sewer system. The owner is willing to pay the maximum previous historical use, and all water used including the leak. The sewer credit would be \$281.00 for use over the historical maximum. Motion was made to grant the Sewer Use credit in the amount of \$ 281.00 to Mr. Gary Laliberte for service at 251 South Main Street was made by S.Coyle and Seconded by R.Jones. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Water Activities

A. Water Activities Report -

- 1) Service Work: Mark outs, Finals, Multiple Profiles were conducted by staff.
- 2) New Developments: one final connections at Northwoods. Phase IV beginning construction inspection
- 3)Taintor Hill Treatment Plant: Coordination of Plant operations.
- 4) Distribution enhancement work, Inline valve Broadway and hydrant replacement plan work.
- 5) **Elmwood tanks- Coordination for upcoming project.**
- 6) Backflow inspections town and school properties.
- 7) Tractor Supply installation coordination and inspection.
- 8) Begin Spray Park analysis for repair and Water Fountain replacement at Rec. Plex.
- 9) 50% complete mapping project for Well 3A potential site at plant.
- 10) Monthly Water Quality Sampling- No issues.
- 11) Mainbreaks: 0 Shutoffs: 1
- 12) Training of Lake Hayward Road Pump Station

B. Water Projects Status –

- 1) Operations were normal.

7. Sewer Activities

A. Joint Facilities Report – The Rotary Drum Thickener: The Town of East Hampton and Colchester received letters denying the STEAP grant request. Joint Facilities will address funding options at future meetings in October.

B. Sewer Activities Report – Training, Inspection and acceptance of the Lake Hayward Road Pumping Station.

C. Sewer Projects Status –

- 1) Proposed Lebanon Portion of the Amston Lake sewer extension- The Town of Lebanon has begun to direct flows into the system. No issues are being encountered within the Colchester portion of the system.
- 2) Construction commenced on RT. 85 Sewer and Water Extension. Sewer pump Station is 99% complete. Operationally it is 100% Tested and operationally. Mr. Paggioli has forward the acceptance letter for operation of the station to be transferred to the Town of Colchester effective 10/10/13 to the State of Connecticut.
- 3) The Flat Brook Odor Control Station suffered a failure of both air compressors two Fridays ago. Unfortunately, due to the age of the alarm system, no signal was sent to the plant in East Hampton. The issue was

“noticeably discovered” on Sunday in the downtown East Hampton area. The issue was emailed to the plant on Monday and Joint facilities investigated and discovered the failed compressors. They worked through the night in order to get one running which is sufficient for medium level flows. However the other requires full replacement at an estimate of \$9,000. The alarm system replacement for the obsolete system is approximately \$8,000. Mr. Clayton was given the direction by Mr. Paggioli to begin the work. There is sufficient funds between Equipment repair and contingency or Transfers to Capital Purchases in order to cover the cost.

8. Old Business

A. STEAP Grant – The State DOT and Lawrence Brunoli Inc. commenced work on 9/4/12. Water Service and Fire Protection have passed tests. Construction of the Sewer Portion of the Project has commenced. Maintenance Agreement for the water and sewer main and pump station has been approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen and returned to the State of Connecticut. The Pump station is operational as of 10/10/13.

B. I&I Study Discussion– No further work conducted this month.

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. Final plan received and reviewed 4/9/10. Prepared materials clearly document that the cost for interconnection and service is over 4 times the cost of operation as a satellite system by the owners of the system. DPH meeting was delayed to 6/5/12 due to death of employee at DPH. DPH on June 5, 2012, report comments from DPH arrives at 1600hrs on 6/4/12. Meeting occurs, question if cost of water should be included in 10 year analysis, but otherwise productive. Plan has sent to 3rd party review by GeoInsight. DPH would like Town’s position on the report for 9/25/12 meeting. Meeting delayed by DPH at the request of GAIA legal counsel. Rescheduled for Nov 27, 2012 Meeting was held. DPH agrees with Town of Colchester position. Final legal documents being prepared for consent order and vacating of interconnection order being prepared. Next scheduled hearing 5/23/2013. No further work conducted this month. Extension for review was granted by DPH & PURA until after 7-31-13. See packet.

UPDATE: Technical meeting between staff and DPH, Atty. General, and GAIA representatives regarding DPH inspection of GAIA system and legal documents preparation by Atty. General. **Next Meeting 11/6/13.**

D. Capital Planning Update.- In response to presented opportunity for long-term lease possibilities, evaluation of 3 locations were conducted. The most advantageous location is presently owned by the Town of Colchester. Further research investigation is being conducted in order to plan for required regulatory approvals. No further work conducted this month other than preparation of existing mapping for location and potential Well 3A site at plant. Staff and

Director have prepared an RFP for redevelopment Well 5A. After consultation with S. Klobukowski, the priorities of the system are 1) Redevelopment of Well 5A (**Completed 4/2013**) ; 2) Begin Well 3 replacement project and combine with test drilling on potential sites for future source and diversion permit;

3) Recoating of Interior of Elmwood Tanks.

Responses to the RFP for the Recoating of the Elmwood Heights Water Storage Tanks are as follows: Marcel A. Payeur, Inc. -\$337,000; L.F. Calvin Inc. \$382,764; Rockwood Corporation-\$380,000. Each of the respondent are certified applicators of the specified coating products and application methods. After the discussion at the previous meeting regarding the need to award both tanks for recoating, the low bidder for the both tanks is the Marcel A. Payeur, Inc, of Sanford, Maine. In order to proceed, there must be two recommendations made to the Board of selectmen, one for award and authorization of the First Selectman to enter into a contract for the recoating of the Tanks, and a second in order to appropriate the sum of \$337,000 from the undesignated water capital fund to a new Capital Project line entitled Elmwood Heights Water Storage Tank Recoating, from which the project work will be paid.

Motion was made by R.Peter and Seconded R. Silberman to recommend to the Board of Selectman to award a contract for Recoating of both of the Elmwood Heights Water Storage Tanks to Marcel A. Payeur, Inc. of Sanford Maine, for a contract sum of \$337,000 and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. Motion was passed 6-0.

Motion was made by R. Peter and Seconded by R. Jones to recommend to the Board of Selectman the appropriation of \$337,000 from the undesignated Water Capital Fund Balance to a newly established Capital Project Fund entitled Elmwood Heights Water Storage Tank Recoating, and that all funds required to be paid for completion of the work for said recoating work shall be paid for from said project fund. Motion Passed 6-0.

E. Stream Flow Regulations - No regulatory issues this month. It is anticipated to increase upstream monitoring for future source location regulatory process.

F. Energy Performance Contract – Installation of the Transformer upgrades are completed at the Filtration Plant. O&M Building Sealing is completed. Lighting is complete. Building Automation system is being installed.

G. On Call Compensation – A tentative agreement with the Union has been reached. Awaiting ratification by the Union and approval by Board of Selectmen.

9. **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Fagnoli, second by S.Coyle; Motion approved 6-0. Chairman LeMay adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Paggioli, L.S.