



## **Deep River WPCA November 3, 2014 Meeting**

**Call to order:** Chairman MacKenzie called this meeting to order @ 7:35 pm

**Members in attendance:** MacKenzie, Hebert, Eckenroth, Bibbiani, P Lewis is acting as recording clerk.

**Audience:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon *Motion* by Eckenroth, seconded by Hebert and carried unanimously, the Authority voted to accept the minutes from both the September and October 2014 meetings as presented.

**Financial Data:** Lewis presented the latest financial data as supplied by the Town Accounts Manager. All budget lines are in order as of October 31.

**Plant Operations Report:** Lewis present an overview of plant efficiency (nutrient) and of maintenance items.

### **Old Business:**

#### **River Street Area Expansion Project:**

There was a discussion/review of the River & Kirtland Street project, specifically the project schedule. Lewis stated that the General Contractor for this project, B&W Landscaping & Paving plans to proceed with this project in the next few weeks. The first order of business is ordering approved materials i.e. pumping stations, piping etc. Lewis stated that B&W Project Manager Josh Parkinson has forwarded material submittals to Cardinal Engineering, and that both he and Cardinal are currently reviewing the documents.

Lewis stated he had received an email from Project Attorney Bruce Chudwick, requesting that the low bidder be formally approved by both the WPCA as well as the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Chudwick Esq. provided this document to be signed by the Selectman as well as the WPCA Chairman. Subsequent to a lengthy review of this document, the Authority brought forward a Motion by Bibbiani, seconded by Eckenroth and carried unanimously to grant the authority to Chairman MacKenzie to execute and deliver the contract documents pertaining to B&W Paving and Landscaping, LLC, after modifying the “Contract Addendum”, specifically “Addendum Item #3” as presented at the meeting.

Green Energy Viability Study:

Lewis stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Ray Zelek, principal of Zelek Electric. Mr. Zelek has significant experience in the successful installation of large commercial and municipal Solar Photovoltaic Technologies. Mr. Zelek's initial reaction was that given the high KWH demand at the Treatment Plant, a very large investment in equipment (and space) would be required. As a side-bar he added that a driver to equivalent sized commercial installations is the 30% Green Energy Federal Tax Credit. The Town, being tax-exempt would not receive this financial incentive. Mr. Zelek added that an alternative could be to lease the equipment from a private entity who would in-turn receive the Federal Tax Credit. This methodology was employed by the Regional Board of Education @ the John Winthrop Junior High School. Mr. Zelek is going to research the financial and real-world practicality of this technology.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Upon *motion* by Hebert, seconded by Bibbiani and carried unanimously, the board voted to adjourn @ 8:40 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held December 1, 2014 at the facility @ 7:30pm.

Peter Lewis

Recording Clerk