

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Minutes of Meeting of May 25, 2011

Members Present: Paul Anderson, Tom Davis, Jim Barton, Peter Pippin, Chuck Riggott (Alternate) and Martha Paluch (Alternate)

Members Absent: Dave Tyler

Others Present: WPCA Chief Operator Edward Alibozek, WPCA Attorney Vincent Purnhagen, Selectman Richard Pippin, and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

Time and Place

Paul Anderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the East Windsor Water Pollution Control Authority Administration Building, 192 South Water St., East Windsor, CT

I. Designate Alternate

Martha Paluch sat in for Dave Tyler.

II. Added Agenda Items

Jay Ussery, JR Russo, USDA Funding

Mr. Alibozek explained that at the North Road Sewer Project Preconstruction meeting Sue Gregware, USDA, told him that if the Town was going to extend the sewer line on North Rd, they should apply for funding now. When the census data is released, the population will be over 10,000 and the Town will not qualify for the USDA funding. Applying for the funding would not tie the Town into doing the project. Mr. Ussery explained that there were a number of opportunities to look at. He displayed a map of the possible areas. The first area is the potential extension of North Rd; this area was included in the pre-engineering report, but there was no design work done. The second area is Harrington Rd and the third area is Mahoney Rd; no work has been done on these areas. Mr. Ussery felt the cost would be in the range of \$60,000 - \$80,000. Mr. Anderson explained that they need to look at problem areas not just what is convenient. Mr. Ussery explained that the Board would need to decide if this is something to pursue and then to pick the area. Mr. Alibozek thanked Mr. Ussery for attending the meeting. Mr. Ussery left at this time.

Motion: To suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of holding the public hearing scheduled at 7:15 p.m.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

III. Public Hearing Scheduled at 7:15 p.m.

Motion: To open the public hearing on proposed revision to sewer user charges, as set forth in a legal notice published in the *Journal Inquirer* on May 14, 2011.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the individual revisions as itemized in the legal notice published in the *Journal Inquirer* on May 14, 2011.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

Mr. Anderson read the beginning paragraphs of the legal notice. No one was present from the public regarding the public hearing.

Motion: To close the public hearing on proposed revision to sewer user charges.
Davis/Barton
Passed unanimously

Motion: To resume the regular portion of the meeting.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

IV. Acceptance of Minutes of April 27, 2011

Motion: To accept the minutes of April 27, 2011.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

V. Payment of Bills

Motion: To authorize the payment of the May 25, 2011 bill sheet in the amount of \$38,753.42
Davis/Barton
Discussion: Mr. Alibozek went over the bill sheet outlining any unusual bills.
Passed unanimously

Motion: To suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of holding the public hearing scheduled at 7:15 p.m.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

VI. Public Hearing Scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: To open the public hearing scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Construction of Sewers by Private Developers & Acceptance by the EWWPCA.
Davis/Paluch
Passed unanimously

Mr. and Mrs. Schindler, 8 Field Circle, were present to express their support and the support of their community of this proposal. Mr. Barton asked if this covers sewer lines in private property, Mr. Anderson explained that the proposal is for private developers. Sewers in private developments will need to be built to Town standards. Mr. Riggott questioned who would be responsible if the road is not built to Town standards and the road gets damaged. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this. Mr. Anderson asked Attorney Purnhagen if a clause could be added to the easement that the WPCA would not be responsible for damage to the road. Attorney Purnhagen thought they could incorporate a hold harmless agreement for unknown conditions. Mr. Alibozek thanked Attorney Purnhagen for his work on the proposal.

Motion: To close the public hearing on Construction of Sewers by Private Developers & Acceptance by the EWWPCA.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

Motion: To resume the regular portion of the meeting.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

Mrs. Schindler expressed her gratitude to the WPCA. Art (Enderle), Ed (Alibozek) and Marc (Brennan) do top shelf work; great job.

VII. Visitors – none expected

VIII. Public Participation

Kathy Pippin, 37 Woolam Rd, was concerned with what she heard during the public hearing regarding private developers. Mr. Anderson explained that they look for the problems and do not accept them. Mrs. Pippin questioned whether precedence has been started. Mr. Anderson replied that there are policies and they have to see how to apply them. Mrs. Pippin was concerned that this could cause issues in the future; they need to monitor private development.

Selectman Richard Pippin reported that the WPCA transfers are on the agenda for approval at Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

IX. Legal

Mr. Anderson asked Attorney Purnhagen if he had obtained the North Rd easement. Attorney Purnhagen reported that WB Mason is reviewing the agreement and promised to get back to him yesterday but he hasn't heard from them; Wilkenson will sign but is out of the country for two weeks and Mrs. Michelizza passed away a week and a half ago, he has contacted her attorney regarding the spouse's ability to sign the agreement. He doesn't have the easements yet. Attorney Purnhagen will give it until after the holiday. Mr. Anderson stated that he doesn't want to increase costs waiting for easements.

X. Receipt of Applications - none

XI. Approval of Applications

Motion: To approve the application of Walter Bass, Winkler Rd, East Windsor, CT, if denied, denied without prejudice.

Davis/Pippin

Discussion: Mr. Alibozek explained that Mr. Enderle had written to Mr. Bass but has not had a reply although Mr. Bass did call the WPCA office that afternoon. Due to the application decision time line the application should be denied without prejudice.

In favor: none

Opposed unanimously

Application is denied without prejudice.

XII. Action on Revision to Sewer User Charges

Motion: To adopt the proposed revision to the sewer user charges in accordance with the legal notice published in the *Journal Inquirer* on May 14, 2011.

Barton/Davis

Passed unanimously

Motion: To impose a rate of \$240.00 per sewer user unit, based on 4,896 sewer units, for a total budget of \$1,287,738 for the FY2011-12.

Barton/Davis

Passed unanimously

XIII. Action on Construction of Sewers by Private Developers & Acceptance by EWWPCA

Motion: To adopt the revised Article I, Construction of Sewers by Private Developers & Acceptance by EWWPCA, revision date May 13, 2011.

Barton/Davis

Passed unanimously

***Attorney Purnhagen left at 8:42 p.m.**

XIV. Unfinished Business

Mr. Alibozek reported that Mr. Rene Thibodeau came in regarding the Growing Tree and on another day a member of the Board of Directors from the Growing Tree came into the office. They have been supplied with what they have asked for.

XV. New Business

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Alibozek asked if there were any questions regarding the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Barton asked about North Rd; it appears to be going slow. Mr. Alibozek reported that where they are working is deep and there has been a lot of rain. Mr. Riggott reported that the signs, "flagman ahead" and "one lane road" have been left up when they aren't working on the road. They should be taken down at the end of the day.

Mr. Anderson asked about the split sample for Phil Smith, DEP. Mr. Alibozek explained that Phil Smith, the DEP inspector, wanted half of a sample taken to compare the States results to the contracted labs results. He also questioned Marc Brennan and Jon Ference changed out water heater at the Police Department, is the WPCA receiving compensation? Mr. Alibozek replied that if they have the time they have helped with needed repairs since Marc Brennan was a plumber. They've done it as a courtesy. Mr. Anderson explained that rate payers shouldn't be paying their salaries when they are doing work for the Town. Mr. Anderson stated that they need to get the point across that going forward compensation will be needed.

Line Item Transfers

Mr. Alibozek gave an explanation for the needed transfers. There was a discussion

Motion: To transfer \$819.00 from the Supplies & Chemical (1-11-30-0210-6-618) Line Item to the Polymer & Hypo (1-11-30-0210-6-619) Line Item and transfer \$19,000 from the Allowance for Uncollectible (1-11-30-0210-8-801) Line Item to the designated line items in the amounts stated:
\$2,500 to Plant Maintenance (1-11-30-0210-2-213)
\$1,500 to Communications (1-11-30-0210-5-542)
\$12,000 to Sludge Removal (1-11-30-0210-5-552)
\$3,000 to Vehicle Gas & Oil (1-11-30-0210-6-620)
Davis/Barton
Passed unanimously

XVI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.
Barton/Pippin

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael
Recording Secretary