

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

Minutes of Meeting of February 25, 2015

Members Present: Paul Anderson, Dave Tyler, Chuck Riggott and Kirk Montstream

Members Absent: Tom Davis

Others Present: Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, Chief Operator Ed Alibozek, WPCA Attorney Michael Lanza and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

Time and Place

Paul Anderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the WPCA Admin Building, 192 South Water St, East Windsor, CT

I. Added Agenda Items

There were no added items.

II. Acceptance of Minutes of January 28, 2015

Motion: To accept the minutes of January 28, 2015.
Riggott/Montstream
Passed unanimously

III. Communications

There were no communications.

IV. Visitors

There were no scheduled visitors.

V. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

VI. Receipt of Applications

There were no applications.

VII. Approval of Applications

There were no applications to be approved.

VIII. Legal

There were no legal issues to be discussed.

Peter Pippin arrived at 7:05 p.m.

IX. Unfinished Business

FCC Review

Mr. Anderson explained that he is in favor of adjusting the connection charge rate but he is concerned with people with new sewer in front of their house that have not connected yet. They were told what it would cost for them to connect to the sewer. Mr. Anderson would like to hold the rate for one year for those with new sewer in front of residential properties. Mr. Anderson had drafted a policy for the rate change. There are three conditions:

1. Existing dwelling units on an existing sewer line will be able to connect with an FCC charge of \$4,994 for one year following the effective date of the 2015 FCC Rate Change.
2. All commercial units shall pay the new rate as of the effective date.

3. All new construction shall pay the new rate as of the effective date.

Mr. Tyler felt all properties should be treated equal. Mr. Anderson explained that after one year all properties would pay the same rate. There was a discussion regarding the new ordinance. Mr. Anderson explained that properties with sewer in front would be required to connect only if they receive a letter from the Board. The property owner could get a waiver from NCH if they have a working septic system. Mr. Enderle reported there is a State Statute in Chapter 103 that allows WPCA's to order a connection if sewer runs in front of a property and the septic has failed. The WPCA would bill the property owner for connection. Mr. Montstream asked how long the NCH waiver is good for; Mr. Anderson replied two years. Mr. Montstream suggested stretching the grace period for holding the rate to two years. Mr. Enderle would like to see the new rate for July 1, 2015. A public hearing would need to be scheduled. Mr. Enderle would like to draft a developer's agreement. He would like to collect the FCC at the time of the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

Mr. Anderson would like to include a requirement to review the FCC at a certain time. He suggested every 5 years. Mr. Anderson stated that the FCC needs to support the infrastructure. Mr. Enderle explained that he looked at the connection charges of other towns similar to East Windsor. Mr. Tyler asked if the income levels in the other towns were comparable to East Windsor. Mr. Enderle reported that he used the list of towns the Board of Selectmen use. The list was provided by CROG and the towns are comparable to East Windsor. Mr. Tyler would like to see the FCC adjusted to \$6,000. Mr. Montstream doesn't like \$6,000. Mr. Riggott felt \$6,500 would be a good rate. Mr. Montstream felt they should go to \$7,000. Mr. Tyler felt \$6,500 was pushing it.

Mr. Enderle explained that Mr. Alibozek had spent a lot of time putting together a map and handout of non-connected properties with dwelling that have sewer available. It was explained there are 138 non-connected properties with dwellings. Fifty of the properties are on North, Wells and Rolocut Roads. Mr. Alibozek explained there is a large parcel off of South Main St with 28 units that is not connected to the sewer. There is potential for development on North Rd. Mr. Alibozek explained the connections are not open ended, they are somewhat limited.

The FCC adjustment was discussed again. Mr. Montstream likes \$7,000 with review language included. Mr. Tyler felt they needed a happy medium. He feels they can justify \$6,500 and a 5 year review. Mr. Riggott felt \$6,500 was a good number. Mr. Anderson suggested having a review in three years. It was the consensus to adjust the FCC to \$6,500 with a three year review.

Motion: To change the Facility Connection Charge rate to \$6,500 effective July 1, 2015, with a three year review and the following conditions:

1. Existing dwelling units on an existing sewer line will be able to connect with an FCC charge of \$4,994 for one year following the effective date of the 2015 FCC Rate Change.
2. All commercial units shall pay the new rate as of the effective date.
3. All new construction shall pay the new rate as of the effective date.

Riggott/Montstream
Passed unanimously

A public hearing for the FCC rate change will be held at the March meeting. Mr. Riggott and Mr. Montstream commented on the nice job Mr. Alibozek did on the map; all agreed.

North Road Sewer Extension Phase 2

This will be removed from the agenda. The project is complete and the closing has been held.

Transfers

This item can be removed from the agenda.

IT Status

Mr. Alibozek reported that it was good this month.

Benefit Assessment Policy

Not addressed at this time.

X. New Business

Bill Sheet Review

There were no questions regarding invoices.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Enderle gave kudos to Konrad Karolczuk; the nitrogen exchange check was received in the amount of \$13,012. The nitrogen removal is done through process control; no chemicals are used. East Windsor has collected approximately \$140,000 from the Nitrogen Program. Mr. Enderle gave kudos to the operations staff for their effort with snow removal. It has been a very busy month. Mr. Enderle expressed his gratitude to Mr. Alibozek for his effort working with CIRMA for the lightning strike reimbursement. A check in the amount of \$14,775 was received from CIRMA this week. Mr. Enderle reported that he is working on the budget and will have a draft for the March meeting. Budget workshops will be scheduled. Mr. Enderle is working to keep the rate increase minimal this year. He expects there will be a \$9 increase. Mr. Montstream thinks that is a little steep. Mr. Enderle will work on keeping it down. Mr. Enderle will look into going to a 50,000 gallon EDU.

Mr. Riggott asked Mr. Enderle about the FOG (fats, oil & grease) program. Mr. Alibozek replied that Jon Ferrence is doing a good job with it. They are adding inspections into a GIS layer. Mr. Enderle reported that Mr. Ferrence has been doing 4 inspections per week. Mr. Ferrence meets with Mr. Enderle and Mr. Alibozek on Fridays regarding this program.

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting 8:15 p.m.
Tyler/Riggott

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael
Recording Secretary