

LITCHFIELD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
29 Stoddard Road, Bantam, CT 06750
February 9, 2012 ~ 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman David R. Wilson called the regular meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman David R. Wilson, David Geiger, Christian Bratina, and William Buckley. C. Bratina was seated as a voting member.

Absent: James Koser, William Hartman

Others Present: Plant Superintendent Ted Legendre and Ann Curtis, Recording Secretary. Jack Healy, Director of Public Works, was absent. Mr. Dave Gotti was present from Rose Haven.

MINUTES

a) Regular 1/12/12 Minutes: C. Bratina noted under Item 4 that the first sentence should be corrected to read, "D. Wilson reported meeting with Ted Legendre, Jack Healy and Karl Fisher to review our records of income and expenses to assure that the actual amount to be billed to Morris is correct." C. Bratina then corrected the first sentence under New Business b) to read, "J. Healy said the plant has a responsibility to list any non-compliances." Thirdly, under New Business c), he noted the sentence should read, "T. Legendre has asked the DEEP for nitrogen removal relief for the unusual amount of rain (100")."

Motion: D. Geiger moved to approve the regular minutes of 1/12/12 as amended with the three corrections, and C. Bratina seconded. Upon voting all voted aye except W. Buckley who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Requests

a) Rose Haven, North Street – Grease Trap Waiver Request for Upper House: Physical Plant Manager Dave Gotti was present to explain that they have conducted in-service training on dishwashing procedures with the staff in order to restrict FOG's. All food is prepped and cooked in the lower kitchen and transported to the upper house. He also presented a chart of water usage for the FY/2010 sewer usage billing. **Motion:** D. Geiger moved to grant a one-year grease trap waiver subject to verifying the equipment list from Torrington Area Health District, with the owner notifying the WPCA of any changes during the year, and returning in one year with a report. C. Bratina seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Safety: No issues.

3. Commissioner's Requests: T. Legendre reported a load test done in December on the generator, and it does run below capacity, failing to burn off debris. He has a quote of \$1,500 for a load test. C. Bratina suggested running it under load once a month to test, and then shut down. T. Legendre is exercising it weekly with no load. C. Bratina also asked T. Legendre to inquire of the manufacturer's representative what he recommends for oil.

4. Morris Meter/New Meter and Assessment Cost: D. Wilson reported going to Morris on Monday with a good picture of the plant upgrade costs that was well received by Morris. The charges will be a

one-time catch-up payment, 7.9% of what we spent on the upgrade after we bonded (\$24,000), a catch-up payment from 2005 until now at the same percentage (\$214,583), and then the annual bill (\$23,000). These monies will go into the Capital account, as it is debt service. The bills for the last two years have not yet been sent, about \$100,000/year. The comparison of the two meters falls in the 20% range. Morris will stay on battery, rather than hard wire. D. Wilson will meet with Morris again next month with the backup and narrative.

5. I & I

a) Sheldon Lane: T. Legendre reported they will be up Tuesday to plug the line on Sheldon Lane. Regarding the area near W. Buckley's house on East Street, he said they have ordered a part to fit into the headwall. There is a temporary fix in now. Concrete blocks will be put in to support the pipe coming down the storm drain.

6. Budget

The commissioners review the proposed budget line by line and asked for changes that T. Legendre will incorporate into the next revision.

7. Public Works Director Priority List of Items

a) Easements: T. Legendre presented a file given to him by Jack Healy that should allow them to acquire most of the easements easily. It contained preconstruction easements with a letter from Atty. George Simoncelli saying they would go back for the final easements after the A-2 survey was completed. D. Wilson urged the group to get them done.

b) FEMA: T. Legendre said that Jack Healy is working with FEMA for reimbursement.

c) EDU Definition: Nothing further.

d) SCADA: T. Legendre reported getting all equipment back from Andy Sincali.

e) NIC: T. Legendre thought Jack Healy has not yet talked to or written to NIC to discuss them coming in to do a review for a long-term method of repair.

f) Bids – West Street, Route 202 Manholes: T. Legendre said that for West Street, they are looking at purchasing all the materials for the job through the Town's bid process for the best prices, probably about \$3,900. A contractor will be hired to install the pipe. The Courthouse will repair their sewer, but they will need a permit from Public Works. He is getting quotes for parts to repair two mixers that are down, and he has three water pump quotes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treatment Plant Report: T. Legendre reported Arethusa's creamery still does not have its general permit for discharge. Their PH is very low and their BOD's are extremely high. Jack Healy and Ted will meet with them to discuss it, as something must be done.

T. Legendre then presented a letter written to Leo Paul from Arthur G. St. John of High Bridge Road who has submitted a bill to the Town for \$7,894.08 for repairs that had to be made to his sewer lateral after Town road work, including penalty fees for working on his property without his authority. T. Legendre detailed the history of the problem. The damage was to his building lateral, with the Town's

responsibility ending at the connection. The matter is in the hands of the attorney, but J. Healy wanted the Commissioners to be aware of it. C. Bratina thought the WPCA should write a letter to Leo Paul apprising him of the WPCA's clear position that the lateral belongs to the property owner and the WPCA has no responsibility. There should be a drawing attached to the letter.

T. Legendre mentioned he had covered most of his report above, but not the grease trap inspection report. They reviewed that handout showing 47 establishments inspected and the status of the inspections.

2. Adjournment: Motion: D. Geiger moved to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. and W. Buckley seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Curtis
Recording Secretary