

**LITCHFIELD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**29 Stoddard Road, Bantam, CT 06750**  
**January 12, 2012 ~ 7:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman David R. Wilson called the regular meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairman David R. Wilson, David Geiger, Christian Bratina, and James Koser. C. Bratina was seated as a voting member.

**Absent:** William Buckley, William Hartman

**Others Present:** Plant Superintendent Ted Legendre, Jack Healy, Director of Public Works, Ann Curtis, Recording Secretary, Ms Skrehota of the Bantam Inn, and Messrs Gotti and Butryman of Rose Haven

**MINUTES**

**a) Regular 12/8/11 Minutes: Motion:** C. Bratina moved to approve the regular minutes of 12/8/11 as presented and D. Geiger seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Public Requests**

**a) Tom Bouchard – 71 South Street: EDU Charge for Out-Building:** Mr. Bouchard could not attend but will be at the March meeting.

**b) Bantam Inn (Skrehota) – Grease Trap Exemption Extension:** Mrs. Skrehota was present to explain that the water meter has been installed. She requested they postpone the grease trap requirement, as business is very bad, serving only 30 – 50 dinners per week. They are still very careful scraping the plates and wiping grease into cans. They are using approximately 111.7 gallons/week of water from their well. **Motion:** D. Geiger moved to give the Bantam Inn a temporary exemption from the installation of a grease trap based on diminimus flow, to return in January of 2013 to review their activity if they are still in operation. C. Bratina seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion:** D. Geiger moved to add to Public Requests c), “Rose Haven, North Street – Grease Trap Waiver Request for Upper House.” C. Bratina seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**c) Rose Haven, North Street – Grease Trap Waiver Request for Upper House:** Fiscal Manager Dave Gotti and Dietary Manager Robert Butryman, were present to request a grease trap waiver for the upper house. They are getting bids for a grease trap in the lower house kitchen where all the food is prepared. They only wash dishes (no pots) and do some baking in the upper house, and have dish washers there. The prepared food is transported from the lower building kitchen. D. Wilson requested a check-off list from Torrington Area Health and information on water usage from them in order to determine diminimus flow. This will be revisited at the February meeting.

**2. Safety:** J. Healy reported no accidents or injuries. They had a Safety and Health Committee meeting, and he asked the CIRMA representative for a matrix of training to use as a guide for meeting the OSHA requirements.

**3. Commissioner's Requests:** None

**4. Morris Meter/New Meter and Assessment Cost:** D. Wilson reported meeting with Morris on Tuesday to get the upgrade costs settled. They are in agreement on the design flow and on how much they spent prior to the bonding. They are now trying to come together on what they spent since the bonding. There will be a catch-up payment on what was paid to date on the bond. Then there will be a 7.9 percentage payment on what was paid out of pocket, the total being somewhere near \$270,000. Finally they will be billed the annual assessment beginning in October. Karl Fisher will do a spread sheet with the details and T. Legendre will verify that all information is there. Missing data will have to be included before billing Morris. T. Legendre said he will walk through one more time to compare the non-resettable and digital counter data on the trapezoidal meter and review with J. Healy.

### **5. I & I**

**a) Sheldon Lane:** When they plugged off the pipe, the homeowner's connection was also plugged off. It was old, deteriorated pipe, so he took it apart himself to eliminate that connection and ran the pipe internally from his old connection to the new connection. The old would be plugged and sealed and the manhole will be brought up to grade.

### **6. Public Works Director Priority List of Items**

**Motion:** D. Geiger moved to add to Public Works Priority List, "Courthouse." C. Bratina seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**Courthouse:** J. Healy reported that the courthouse will replace the pipe from the wall across the driveway to the pipe at DeFranco's. They will not patch it and will take care of this at their expense.

**a) Contract 18 Easements:** J. Healy said that Atty. George Simoncelli has 80 easements that are not signed, and he confirmed the easements were drafted. They have sat dormant waiting for permission to proceed. Mr. Simoncelli informed Mr. Healy that his rates will increase to \$200/hr. from the \$150/hr. that he has charged for the past 15 years. Therefore, the job will cost about \$30,000 with the increase. J. Healy will look into comparable attorneys. C. Bratina questioned the temporary and permanent easements and asked for copies of the temporary easements.

**b) FEMA:** J. Healy said they have approval from the Inland Wetlands Commission to modify the drainage on Bill Buckley's property. There is a temporary fix in now. C. Bratina asked if they could go manhole to manhole because the pipes are old. Pipe bursting could be done to cut out as much of the wet clay pipe as possible. J. Healy said to prevent this from occurring again, they will put a pipe from the headwall and run it past the sewer pipes so the drainage swale will no longer go over the sewer pipes. FEMA approved payment of the installation of our storm sewer pipe and the fix of the sewer pipe in that area. They are also submitting to FEMA the diesel fuel costs and other associated costs for the October storm. J. Healy said he will talk to the pipe bursting people.

**c) EDU Definition:** No report

**d) SCADA:** No report

**e) NIC:** No report

**f) Bids:** J. Healy said they would be holding off until spring.

**g) Septic Waste Charge Modification:** T. Legendre thought we are undercharging when they get past 1,000 gallons. Current rates are \$75 for the first 1,000 gallons, then \$35 for any part thereafter up to 500 gallons, then \$35 after that. He suggests modifying the rate to be \$75 for the first 500 gallons or any part thereof, then \$7.50/100 gallons after that. See attached comparison. *[J. Koser left at 8:45 p.m. for a fire call.]* It was agreed to add this item at the Public Hearing as a way to increase the revenue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Treatment Plant Report:** T. Legendre reported meeting permit on BODs and suspended solids. He said they will address the I&I problem on Torrington Road lines. They will replace the deteriorating brick under the manholes. They also need to quantify the extraneous flow from the homes. They are working with the Arethusa Dairy on the PH drop caused by the fermentation of the product in the holding tank. They discussed ways of increasing the PH. Arethusa should test for BOD and suspended solids weekly. T. Legendre said they need to come up with a fee for BOD and suspended solids that are outside of the parameters. Ted and Jack will compose a letter to them with fees listed and testing requirement.

**b) DEEP Compliance:** J. Healy said he has a responsibility to list any non-compliances.

**c) Nitrogen:** T. Legendre has asked the DEEP for relief for the unusual amount of rain (100”).

**Hunter’s Chase:** J. Healy reported scheduling a meeting with the developer on Tuesday on the sewers. D. Wilson said they should have the line TV’d before they sign off.

**d) Septic Waste:** Discussed above

**e) Grease Trap:** No report

**a) Budget:** The Commissioners reviewed the monthly update spreadsheet from the Finance Director, and C. Bratina thought some figures were incorrect. D. Wilson asked to be sure everything is in the right place and coded correctly. They also questioned what period the sheet covers.

**2. Adjournment: Motion:** D. Geiger moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. and C. Bratina seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Curtis  
Recording Secretary