

LITCHFIELD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
29 Stoddard Road, Bantam, CT 06750
July 14, 2011 ~ 7:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: David Geiger, William Hartman, Christian Bratina. W. Hartman and C. Bratina were seated as voting members.

Absent: William Buckley, James Koser, David R. Wilson

Others Present: Plant Superintendent Ted Legendre, Ann Curtis, Recording Secretary, and Jack Healy, Director of Public Works

MINUTES:

a) Regular 5/12/11 Minutes: Motion: C. Bratina moved to approve the regular minutes of 5/12/11 as presented and W. Hartman seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Public Hearing 5/12/11: C. Bratina moved to approve the minutes from the 5/12/11 public hearing and W. Hartman seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Requests

- a) Rose Haven – Diminimus Flow Request:** No one was present from Rose Haven.
- b) Fernwood Rest Home – Diminimus Flow Request:** Karyn Cosgrove was present to request a variance for a grease trap. They have a Class 3 license, house 65 – 70 residents at 3 meals/day and use about 2,800 – 3,100 gallons of water per week. It would be a financial hardship for them to afford a grease trap. C. Bratina pointed out that per the ordinance, a waiver can only be given for a diminimus flow which is not the case here. The choices are an automatic grease remover (AGR) or a grease separator. The meter is in the well pump across the street, and Jack Healy said he would inspect the system and offer some suggestions.
- c) Ripe Tomato – Diminimus Flow Request:** No one was present from Ripe Tomato.
- d) Bantam Pizza – Diminimus Flow Request:** Mr. Dhnansi was present and explained that 80% of his business is take-out, so there is very little dish washing. They only use about 200 gallons/day in the restaurant. J. Healy said T. Legendre will inspect to compare to the criteria before granting a waiver and then will inspect once/year after that.
- e) Litchfield Inn Swimming Pool Discharge:** Attorney Bruce Temkin requested diminimus flow for pool backwashing. T. Legendre explained that a State DEP permit is required because the issue is not volume, but product. He had WPCA support in applying for a permit.
- f) Brandywine:** Mike Lillis, Engineer with CCA, was present and explained that he wants to continue to use the existing sewers for his addition. He has a grease trap tied in. They will increase from 80 beds to 109 beds at 7,500 gallons/day and will tie a 6” pipe into the existing 8” lateral. The Board supported the plan

2. Safety: There were no issues.

3. Commissioner's Requests: None

4. Information Brochure – William Hartman: Mr. Hartman said that other areas of interest beyond the brochure can always be added to the Town's website. C. Bratina suggested changing the word "manages" in Paragraph 8 to "oversees". **Motion:** W. Hartman moved to approve the revised draft of the flier *Important Information for Sewer Users* with the noted change incorporated and have it mailed out with the annual bill to sewer users. C. Bratina seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion carried. They agreed to post it on the website, too.

5. Morris Meter and New Meter: T. Legendre said that the Palmer-Bowlus now has a solar battery charger on it. He also noted that Dave Wilson has met with Morris.

6. I & I: T. Legendre reported that the plug is not holding and the main line is leaking on Sheldon Lane. Ted will call American Rooter for the camera. J. Healy said that they inspected South Street and Gallows Lane during heavy rain and reported a lot of water coming in on the laterals. At the Litchfield Firehouse they need to replace 28 feet of pipe and manhole. They agreed to send a letter to P&Z regarding problems with tree roots intruding into the sewers and asking to require tree plantings at least 25 ft. away from the pipes.

7. Public Works Director Priority List of Items (SCADA): Mr. Healy referred to the letter from Any Sincali of U. S. Automation with quote of \$9,875 to upgrade the SCADA system. Also included was an Option #1 Basic Annual Service Agreement of \$4,985. They will get two more quotes from other companies. They are having communication problems now between SCADA and the ultraviolet lights. The flow meter installed in Northfield did not calibrate correctly, so they removed it and will replace it with another unit. Mr. Healy met with Torrington for the annual check of meters. We are looking for \$15,000 refund or a credit on this year's bill. The WPCA is using an old seldom-used school mower to mow the lawns at the plant. D. Geiger was concerned about the regular plant work not getting done because of the lawn mowing. T. Legendre argued that some undone work is not because of time spent on lawn mowing, but rather due to broken equipment that is beyond the staff's regular work. The I&I should be done, but he cannot force the residents to repair broken laterals. C. Bratina suggested using a flow meter to quantify and adding a surcharge for additional flow until lateral problems are fixed. C. Bratina requested, in addition to mechanical and maintenance work, to do preventive maintenance, with a plant and collection system maintenance plan in place for tracking. As a result of the energy intern's investigation, they will look into a boiler instead of the current heat pump for the building's heating system. C. Bratina suggested using effluent for the cooling system.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treatment Plant Report: T. Legendre reported the plant running well but with a foaming problem. They corrected it, but couldn't make the nitrogen removal. He noted that he spoke to Ray Drew of the Torrington WPCA regarding the pending 2007-08 overcharge, and Ray said he had not received the affidavit of flow on that time period. It had been sent in mid-April, but T. Legendre resent the document to him by email. Regarding the Arethusa Dairy, T. Legendre has not signed off yet. He will do a walk-through with Dennis McMorrow and will need a copy of the DEP permit for milk waste. Ideally they should pump ½ gallon per minute constantly to maintain an even flow.

C. Bratina asked to see a summary of performance against the budget monthly. They will ask Finance Director Karl Fisher to assist.

2. Adjournment: Motion: W. Hartman moved to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. and C. Bratina seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Curtis
Recording Secretary

