

LITCHFIELD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
29 Stoddard Road, Bantam, CT 06750
September 8, 2011 ~ 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: David Geiger called the regular meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: David Geiger, Christian Bratina, James Koser. C. Bratina was seated as a voting member.

Absent: William Buckley, Chairman David R. Wilson, William Hartman

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

MINUTES:

a) Regular 5/12/11 Minutes: Motion: C. Bratina moved to approve the regular minutes of 7/14/11 as presented and J. Koser seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Requests

a) Litchfield Community Center FOG Waiver: Brian McCormick was present from the Community Center explained the 32 X 32 ft. addition planned for the building and said it would have a meeting room and a handicapped-accessible family restroom. They continue to use the kitchen as before with little food preparation, but came to the WPCA as directed if there were to be any changes. He requested the diminimus flow waiver continue to be granted with the addition. **Motion:** C. Bratina moved to approve this request as a diminimus usage with the planned addition, and J. Koser seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Klein Hous 30/32 Tapping Reeve, EDU Charge: Mr. Legendre explained there is one family living in two adjacent condos with an interior access. Lucy and Louis Klein Hous own #32, and Lucy Klein Hous owns #30. They receive two sewer bills and would like to consider it one home and receive one bill. There are two kitchens, meeting the criteria for two dwelling units. **Motion:** J. Koser moved not to change the billing for 30 and 32 Tapping Reeve for Mr. and Mrs. Klein Hous. C. Bratina seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

c) Craig Linsley, 895 Bantam Road, EDU Charge: T. Legendre read the letter from Mr. Linsley requesting he be charged one instead of two units for his mixed use. There is a commercial establishment on the first floor and a small apartment on the second floor. He said it meets the criteria for two charges. **Motion:** C. Bratina moved to turn down this request for elimination of one of the EDU charges. J. Koser seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Safety: J. Healy said that the large mowing tractor was not safe for the side hills, so they went back to the previous tractor. The mechanics worked on it and improved its operation.

3. Commissioner's Requests: D. Geiger asked about the generator and the additional flow as a result of Hurricane Irene. Mr. Legendre said the generator worked well and they looked for additional sources of I&I during the rain. They found a couple of sucker fish coming from the lines, proving an opening somewhere. J. Healy said the power was off at Wells Run for 23 hours. T. Legendre had made arrangements prior to the storm to service them. The bill will be paid by the Housing Authority but will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. Their payments are up to date. The new generator is on order but has not yet arrived. C. Bratina said the DEEP should be made aware that they have no generator but are working closely with the Town. J. Healy said that he would encourage the Housing Authority to get a generator maintenance contract. He will check in eight weeks to be sure they have the generator.

4. Morris Meter and New Meter: J. Healy relayed Chairman Wilson's email noting that he has met with Morris on Tuesday night and thinks they are getting close on an agreement on the past fees and on installing the meter with the solar panel. J. Healy has given Mr. Wilson hard copies of the FOI request for data sheets, and T. Legendre faxed the updated information to Atty. Roraback.

5. I & I: T. Legendre said he was out during the rain and found a problem near the Town Garage and on White Woods Road. They will go manhole by manhole to find serious leaks.

6. Public Works Director Priority List of Items and SCADA Update: Mr. Healy said that Brett Zuraitis informed him that right-of-way mowing was done next to his house on Torrington Road beyond the 20-foot right of way. His raspberry plants and a fruit tree were knocked down, and a brush pile was pushed into a wrong location. The plants will be replaced and notice will be given before mowing only 20 feet next time. Mr. Zuraitis then sent a letter saying the Sewer Department does not have an easement to his property. T. Legendre said that temporary easements were secured from the landowners when the project began to determine the actual boundaries of the easements after the pipes were installed. He also said the people didn't agree and they never signed the permanent easements. Atty. George Simoncelli, who was supposed to file the signed easements, said he will look to see what he filed on the land records. He will gather information from his files on that project and report back. J. Healy said there may be other areas with the same problem, and will ask the Town Attorney for advice upon agreement of the Commission.

SCADA Update: Proposals were received from Aaron Associates at \$7,000 to spend 3 – 4 weeks to find solutions. NIC proposed 40 hours/week at \$135/hour. C. Bratina has worked with NIC and would like to tell them we are only interested in long-term, permanent solutions. He also said a list should be included so all issues will be addressed and T. Legendre said there was a list. J. Healy thought both companies seemed good. **Motion:** C. Bratina moved to enter into an agreement with NIC pending a review and approval by C. Bratina. J. Koser seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion carried. C. Bratina said they should talk to NIC about future options, such as checking the system remotely to reduce man hours during the weekend.

J. Healy then mentioned that John Simma has been working on the heating system to see what can be done to improve the efficiency. He also reported work being done on the drinking water well to repair the system. They are now using bottled water. He then said Rick Nash will be in Northfield tomorrow to re-install the meter. Also, American Rooter's unit on Sheldon Lane blew the balloon, and a new one will be sent by the manufacturer. C. Bratina asked about the budget where revenues did not meet the expenses. J. Healy said collections were slow and the WPCA did not cut back on spending to meet the revenue. He and Karl Fisher will work on a monthly report tailored to everyone's collective needs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treatment Plant Report: T. Legendre reported meeting BODs and suspended solids and will also make nitrogen for August. They have been checking for problem areas since the hurricane. He has worked on SCADA, resulting in the two proposals. American Rooter will call him as soon as the new bag is in so he can be there when they install it. The lawn mower has been reworked and is working better, and will be put on a preventive maintenance schedule. As a result of the inspection, the Arethusa Farm Creamery may need a second tank underground. Torrington Area Health gave them permission to operate before they came to WPCA. There were questions about a general permit. J. Healy said they don't know the capacity of their treatment and are running more than the 800 gallons, based on Ted's water meter reading, and they expect that to go up. They will take a BOD sample to have data for the next meeting. The WPCA needs to work with them to help.

2. Adjournment: Motion: J. Koser moved to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. and C. Bratina seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Curtis, Recording Secretary

