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The Newtown Water & Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on March 8, 2012 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Chairman Zang Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Marianne Brown, Lou Carbone, Dick Zang, Gene Vetrano, Carl Zencey
Absent: Alan Shepard

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Julio Segarra of United Water Environmental Services, Michael Burton, George Hill, Steve Gruner of Grace Christian Fellowship

Public Participation: NONE

Approval of the Minutes: The previously distributed minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2012 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Gallons processed vs gallons billed study/Flow monitoring – The meter data is now formatted so it can be extracted in excel so the board can view it. The data from the rain gage from both meter locations have been e-mailed to the board. Dick Zang suggested that taking data from one week with school in session that is wet and one that is dry.

Capital Needs – SCADA - Meeting with the proposed SCADA vendor to settle on a final scope of work. Interim proposal increased original price from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000+. Primary discrepancy appears to be the nature and extent of development of in-plant vendor screens. Proposed vendor, CH2MHill, stated they will honor original proposal with allowances for modifications. They will re-price the scope with the new understanding. GHD, the other SCADA proposal has indicated that they would still honor their original proposal.

New Well – No activity until the proposed site has grading work completed by Park & rec. Three existing doghouse covers of out of service wells to be remediated for lead and asbestos need to be removed.

Fairfield Hills Sewer Service Area – Tabled

Renewable Energy Project – Clearing of the property is done. The next step is to dig for the poles.

NEW BUSINESS

Phase 2 Benefit Assessment for 107 Church Hill Road – Mr. Burton he has been working on developing property at 107 Church Hill Road. The commission granted a phasing schedule of sewer benefit assessments. In 2010 Mr. Burton came to the board for a payment schedule for phase 1. Tonight he is here for a payment schedule on phase 2. He did receive a letter bill of his scheduled payments but thought regular bills would

follow in the mail. Mr. Burton is also requesting that the \$500 in interest penalty be waived. Carl Zencey moved to put the \$16,000 benefit assessment for phase 2 on a 5 year payment plan, Marianne Seconded, motion unanimously passed.

Marianne Brown suggested that a note on the bill stating that this is the only bill you will receive on the letter invoice would be helpful. Dick Zang explained that this is a special deal that the WSA does and the tax office does not send out invoices.

Gene Vetrano moved that the current penalty interest for phase 1 of 107 Church Hill be waived contingent upon past due payments being made by Wednesday, March 14. Upon payment, the co for phase 2 will signed. This is a onetime courtesy. Lou Carbone seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

Discuss of sewer expansion to Grace Christian Fellowship property in Hawleyville –They are looking at a 40 acres plot on route 6 off Covered Bridge Road. They would like to get a feel for sewer in that area. They are looking at housing as well as building a new church. The question is how they would get access to the sewer line. Historically the Hawleyville area is not a pollution control area; it is an economic development area. The Town Administration has suggested that they may consider a change in policy to include housing. If they do not do anything to the property there is enough room for 5 houses without sewers. If there were sewers there could be 74 houses which could be low income housing. There are 5 offers on the table right now should sewers be available. Before the WSA moves forward, a letter from the EDC approving the project needs to be obtained. Then the WSA's task would be how to do it and the cost.

Carl Zencey moved to add 75 Church Hill to the agenda, Lou Carbone, seconded, all in favor.

That particular parcel has over \$300,000 of remediation needed. Their proposal is to make a settlement with the town and assume the remediation responsibility. The bonded principle and the bonded interest cannot be waived. Marianne Brown moved to waive the penalty interest at 75 Church Hill Road at the discretion of the town attorney. Carl Zencey seconded, all in favor

Report by United Water Environmental Services – There was a sewer back up at 86 Church Hill Road. The end result, rocks and grit caused the stoppage. The manhole that was directly across the street from the house had the rocks and grit. Once that was released, the debris made it to the pump house and cause the warring to be damaged.

They lost a grinder pump at 18 Hanover. The company determined that there is fibrous type of cloth is what caused the motor to blow.

The plant has being having some difficulty with the DO controller. Some of the electronics just started failing. Even with that, the plant averaged 14 lbs of nitrogen.

Report by Public Director – Reported within the meeting.

Any other Business – Rich Conte has resigned from the board. George Hill given a letter of interest for the seat. The letter of interest and the resignation will be sent to the First Selectman's office for the seat to be filled.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Arlene Miles
Clerk