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The Newtown Water & Sewer Authority held their regular meeting on June 14, 2012 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Chairman Zang called the meeting to order at 7:56pm after GDH made a presentation.

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

Also Present: John Phillips of 86 Church Hill Road, Bill Brink & Dustin Sedlack from GHD and Julio Segarra of United Water Environmental

Public Participation: John Phillips of 86 Church Hill Road explained his situation about his loses from a sewer over flow at 86 Church Hill Road. He is trying to get to the bottom as to who he should be contacting for monetary reimbursement for his lost property. Dick Zang replied that the WSA is aware of the sewer over flow in February. However, they were not made aware of his situation until yesterday when an e-mail was forwarded to the WSA. Dick Zang has been in contact with the First Selectman. Once Fred Hurley is back from vacation they will work this out.

Approval of the Minutes: The previously distributed minutes of the regular meetings of 5/3/12 were unanimously approved, with the clarification under Renewable Energy Project the word "They" refers to the contractor, not the solar panels.

OLD BUSINESS

Gallons processed vs gallons billed study/Flow monitoring – The flow data was e-mailed to WSA members earlier in the day.

Capital Needs – SCADA - Fred Hurley wrote a recommended to the WSA to end discussions with CH2MHill and accept the GHD proposal. Gene Vetrano moved to rescind the recommendation to the Purchasing Authority to accept the proposal by CH2Mhill dated July 25, 2011 George Hill seconded. Motion unanimously accepted.

Marianne Brown moved to recommend that the Purchasing Authority accept the proposal by GHD dated June 14, 2012 for the design and installation of an upgrade to the integration of the WSA SCADA system and issue a purchase order with modifications as negotiated by the Director of Public Works on behalf of the WSA. Seconded by George Hill Motion unanimously accepted.

New Well – There is no new change with the New Well

Fairfield Hills Sewer Service Area – There is no new change.

Renewable Energy Project – There is some personnel changes at OPEL. The project is moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Emergency Telephone Number – Gene Vetrano received a called from a resident on Hanover Road saying that they have a problem with their sewer. Arlene Miles is working on a button on the Town’s website to include telephone numbers to residents for items like this. She will also look into having it added to the blue pages in the phone book.

FY 2013 Budget – Dick Zang proposed a 2013 budget. Gene Vetrano moved to accept the budget proposed from June 3, 2012, Marianne Brown seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

Summer Intern Program – Dick Zang and Jason O’Brien discussed the option of a summer intern as a split cost between United Water Environmental and the WSA. The candidate needs to be a Newtown resident with an engineering background preferred. Lou Carbone will work with Julio and Fred to set up a formal program for next year.

Toll Brothers/Mt. Pleasant Road – They are looking to construction a 29 detached condominium homes on Mt. Pleasant Road. All of the homes would be approximately 1500-3000 square feet and would not be age-restricted. It was determined that the area is not in the sewer district. It can be done, but the question is, would the town want to extend it.

Report by United Water Environmental Services – – The nitrogen is running around 12 pounds a day. Overall the plant is running well. They had 2 bypasses. One in May was in back of the Pleasants on Main Street. They found the stoppage 400 feet from bocce court. The lines were jetted and camera’d. There are 5 manholes that have still not been inspected from West Street to the Pleasants. There was a substantial overflow at FFH next to the NYA where there is a lot where machines had been working. There was a manhole that was hit but not noticed and it was filled in. There were also three buried manholes that were cracked and broken. They have pulled 4 truckloads of material out and will continue until it is clear.

There was a Notice of Violation for the generator. Julio met with the state and it was determined that all the generators for the pump stations also need permits. Applications for generators at the pump station have been located but the actual permits cannot be located by the Town or by the State. Julio has contacted Fuss & O’Neil to see what their records show.

Report by Public Works Director – N/A

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm

Arlene Miles
Clerk