

July 21, 2010

The Board of Finance held a special joint meeting with WPCA on this date at the Town Hall meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; Andrew Rines, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler and Sandy Grimes. Also present First Selectman Ed Haberek; Glee McAnanly, Leslie Packer, Clerk; WPCA Chairman Jim Sisk, Hal Storrs, Joe Bragaw, Ken Donovan, Nikki Gullickson and Jason Jones along with residents.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

WPCA – Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements – Chairman Sisk and Mr. Storrs provided handouts for the members stating that this is been culminating for 10 years and that this is the best time to start. The Mystic plant was built in 1972, the BORO in 1975 and Pawcatuck in 1980. It is getting more and more difficult to get parts for repairs due to age along with permit compliance issues. Biomag was a success and thus reduces the total cost of the project; members discussed the consequences of inaction. Mr. Rines asked for the bottom line. The project cost is \$18.375 that includes \$100,000 for bonding, with a bond anticipation date of December 2010. The breakdowns by each plant are the following:

Mystic – BioMag - \$14.2 million

Boro - Hi efficiency blowers, ultraviolet disinfection system, ariation tank adjustments - \$1.7 million

Pawcatuck - Hi efficiency blowers, ultraviolet disinfection system, ariation tank adjustments - \$2.4 million

Members also discussed the possibility of a North Stonington tie in. WPCA agrees it would defray the costs but it is up to North Stonington to work out the plan. Mr. Frishman stated that he would like a recommendation from the Selectmen and then to meet with all members of the Board of Finance along with the Director of Finance before a decision is made. He reminded them that it is their responsibility to inform and prepare the public.

#### **Bid Waivers**

Board of Education – Mr. Jones, Mr. Donovan and Ms. Gullickson presented the following.

Stonington Public Schools  
 Bid Waiver Requests

Request #	Requestor	ITEM	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	VENDOR INFORMATION	Reason for Bid Waiver
1	TECH	Xirtus Wireless arrays (Ex wireless dead zones in SHS)	1	\$ 26,370.00	\$ 26,370.00	Xirtus, Inc 2101 Corporate Center Drive Thousand Oaks, CA 91320	Proprietary product Addresses the wireless 'dead zones' in the SHS classroom wing 1st and 2nd floor
2	Disorct	Protraxx CEU tracking software update (old version no longer supported and not compliant with State online audit)	1	\$ 7,520.00	\$ 7,520.00	Protraxx 442 Smith Street, Bldg. A Middletown, CT 06457	Proprietary application CEU tracking software that complies with State requirement to communicate with CEDARS system
3	WVSS	Cafeteria Tables - Replacement <i>CHMC 1987</i>	10	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 11,000.00	Hertz Furniture Systems 126 Krauger Lane Gastonbury, CT 06033	Bid on State Contract Existing tables cracked and broken - Do not hold
4	Maint	Energy system upgrade (PMS) (Current IBEX System is obsolete)	1	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	Automated Building Systems 126 Krauger Lane Gastonbury, CT 06033	Aleton system - proprietary. Makes consistent district-wide.
5	Maint	District Wide - Playground Mulch - Compliance with minimum depth requirements	150	\$ 40.00	\$ 6,000.00	New England Bark/Mulch	Historical vendor - Town and School for this product Product certified and warranted.
6	SHS	MAC Mini computers	24	\$ 600.00	\$ 14,400.00	Apple Computer	Proprietary product. Only can purchase from Apple
7	Custodial	Propane powered floor stripper	1	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	Simplex Janitorial 6 Commercial Street Sharon MA 02067	Bid on State Contract. CT FAC59 Equipment to greatly increase productivity for summer cleaning (available to other town facilities)
8	Admin	Professional Materials <i>INSTRUCTIONAL</i>	1	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00	Pearson Education PO Box 2500, 345 S. Mt Zion Lebanon, IN 46052	Proprietary education packets for grade 3 & 4 math classes.
TOTAL						\$ 90,150.00	

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Mr. Rines made a motion to approve the Bid waivers as presented. Mr. Wheeler seconded and voting was unanimous.

Emergency Management –

Mr. George Brennan, Director requested a bid waiver for Cyber Communications to move the local government radio to Town Hall. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the bid waiver as presented. Mr. Rines seconded and voting was unanimous.

Highway Department –

Mr. Bragaw requested a bid waiver for Gorman Group for Crack Sealing. Mr. Grimes made a motion to accept the bid waiver as presented. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Previous minutes**

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting.  
Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**New Business**

Subcontracting procedures – Mr. Wheeler questioned where there was no substantiation for service invoice requests. Mr. Bragaw agreed that invoices should not be paid without proper documentation and will ensure it does not happen again. There are instances when it is prudent to use the equipment most readily available not based particularly on cost effectiveness. All members agreed that proper documentation for subcontracting decisions is crucial.

**Correspondence**

Update from Sanitarian Karen Weiss for May 2010 activities.

BOE transfers list approved at April 8 and May 13 BOE meetings.

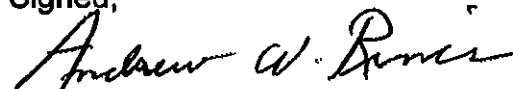
Communication from auditors McGladrey & Pullen. Members will wait for John O'Brien to report.

**Subcommittee reports**

Nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Rines made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Signed,



Andrew W. Rines  
Secretary