

**WINDHAM WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

October 26, 2010

The Windham Water Pollution Control Authority held its meeting on October 26, 2010 in the Meeting Room, Town Hall. Chairman Rene Goss called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Members present were Stanley Morytko, Nita Giordano, Mary Burnore and Rene Goss. Also present was Plant Superintendent David Garand and Lon Hultgren, representative from the Town of Mansfield.

I) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

II) Mary Burnore referred to the Plant Superintendent's report and made a motion to move item (attachment 9) Frog Bridge Development Connection Fee Variance to the next order of business. Stan Morytko seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kent Mawhinney, representing Frog Bridge Development, said we are requesting a variance for the square footage on the first floor of the building. He said the building, which is located at 560 Main Street, Willimantic will be a 5-story building from the ground up, and will be used primarily for housing. There is also a basement in the building which is listed as the first floor that will be used for storage, mechanicals, laundry facilities and an exercise gym for the residents of the building.

Plant Superintendent Dave Garand explained that ordinarily the connection charge for this building would be \$84,037.50. If the WPCA were to grant the variance of the first floor space the connection fee would be reduced to \$70,031.75.

After some discussion, Mary Burnore made a motion to grant a variance for the square footage on the first floor of the building (basement), and further stipulated that if the space is ever converted to apartments in the future, Frog Bridge Development will have to pay an additional connection fee to the WPCA on the added square footage. Stan Morytko seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II) Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

III) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 28, 2010 were approved. Motion by Nita Giordano and seconded by Mary Burnore. The motion carried unanimously.

IV) Executive Session cancelled.

Plant Superintendent Dave Garand spoke to a construction dispute at the Plant. He referred to a 3-way dispute between Carlin Construction, Computaro Construction, and the Town of Windham. He said Computaro was responsible for all excavation and ground work during construction of the new Sewer Treatment Plant. During the construction dewatering plan review our engineer notified Computaro that in their opinion the de-watering system was not sufficient for the soil conditions. Computaro claimed that the de-watering system was sufficient and the dewatering scope fell under “means and methods” and did not require the approval of the engineer. When the dewatering system failed to work Computaro now claimed that the core boring report provided at bid time was inadequate and failed to accurately list the silt content at the excavation site. Computaro claims the problem is a result of the silt in the soil, and not a dewatering design issue. Garand said in an effort to avoid costly litigation, Town Attorney Rich Cody is authorized to present a potential settlement agreement to Computaro Construction attorneys. It is hoped that Computaro will be receptive to the settlement thus resolving the claim.

V) Reports

Chairman’s Report – The Chair had nothing to report on.

Plant Superintendent’s Report.

a) Construction

Current Work: New Garage Building – Working on punch list completion. **Primary Settling Tanks:** Working on punch list. **Administration Building:** Working on punch list. (The building must be complete prior to moving in). **Headworks Building:** Installing block. **Secondary Clarifier #2:** Issues with seams leaking on distribution troughs. The seams will be permanently welded.

Change Orders; One new change order (total 17) resulting in an increase of \$19,738.

b) Plant Performance

All permit requirements were met for the month of September. Garand reviewed the September Effluent Quality Report.

c) Administration & Finance

Monthly Budget Report

Garand reviewed the Monthly Budget Report ending September 30, 2010. **Revenue** is \$909,267. This is 27% of revenue collected with 25% of the year complete.

Expenditures are \$610,605. This is 18% of budget spent with 25% of the year complete.
Significant Non-Recurring Expenses

Garand reviewed significant non-recurring expenses September 27, 2010 to October 26, 2010. Included in these expenses are: a submersible trash pump for the Plant, construction costs to Carlin, Mansfield arbitration costs, George Street pump, NEWEA conference and employee safety shoes.

FOG Exemption Policy

Garand introduced the Fat, Oils, & Grease Compliance Waiver. In order to qualify for a FOG exemption, facilities will be required to meet certain conditions in order to be eligible for an annual FOG Compliance Waiver. Garand reviewed the requirements necessary to apply for a waiver.

Mary Burnore made a motion to approve the language of the FOG Compliance Waiver as written and Nita Giordano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Multi Bank Securities

Garand reviewed the MBS quarterly report. Our present investments total \$10,032,000. He said one new investment was purchased recently with interest money. The new investment will yield 1.9% for 5 years (until 10/6/15).

Sewer Bond Revision

Garand reviewed the Sewer Connection Permit Fees. He said there have been some complaints from Town Engineer Joseph Gardner stating that he has encountered some problems with the roadways after a building project is completed. Garand suggested extending the time to hold a bond to one year versus the present 90 days.

Nita Giordano made a motion to extend a construction bond to one year after completion of a project and Mary Burnore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Splash Park: 2010 Invoice for Sewer Usage.

Garand said the Splash Parks' 2010 invoice for sewer usage at the park is \$9139.12.

Replacement Truck for Sewer #8.

The replacement truck for the Sewer #8 truck has been ordered. We received a \$4,000 trade-in on Sewer #8, said Garand.

Lakeside Septage Receiver: Repair versus replacement.

Garand said this equipment was installed in 1998 and has had repairs over the years. He said the cost to replace the equipment is approximately \$250,000 with a lead time of 20-26 weeks. He said Lakeside has a unit which was built for another customer. They would be willing to sell the unit to Windham and build another unit for the other customer. He said the ball park purchase price is \$250,000 for the equipment plus \$50,000 to complete the work.

Mary Burnore made a motion to authorize Garand to negotiate a price with Lakeside for a new replacement septage receiver and Stan Morytko seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Customer Relations

There were no blockages in our line through 10/26/10.

As there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. Motion by Mary Burnore and seconded by Nita Giordano. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on November 23, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Meeting room of Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Murray, Clerk