

**WINDHAM WATER POLLUTION  
CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

**Nov. 23, 2010**

The Windham Water Pollution Control Authority held its meeting on November 23, 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, Rene Goss and Mary Burnore. Also present were Plant Superintendent David Garand and Lon Hultgren, representative from the Town of Mansfield.

**I) Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**II) Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**III) Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of October 26, 2010 were approved on a motion made by Nita Giordano and seconded by Mary Burnore. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV) Reports**

**Chairman's Report** – The chair had nothing to report.

**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:** Install split face block and roof trusses. **Clarifier #2:** Issues with seams leaking on distribution troughs: welding seams. Foam supports have been pulled out and welding should be completed by next week. **Chemical Storage Tanks:** The contractors have submitted pricing to complete the electrical, plumbing and site work. Garand said the cost to complete the plumbing is too high so the plumbing will be completed by experienced workers at the Plant.

**Change Orders:** No new change orders (17 total)

## **b) Plant Performance.**

All Permit Requirements were met for the month of October. Garand reviewed the October 2010 Effluent Quality Report.

Garand reported a permit violation in November. He is looking into the discharge from the HydroFera Company which is located in one of the Mill buildings as a potential contributing cause. He said he is working with DEP to resolve the issue of their high strength discharge. He will recommend the WPCA require the company to pay a surcharge to cover the additional costs to treat this waste.

## **c) Administration & Finance**

### **Monthly Budget Report**

Garand reviewed the Monthly Budget Report ending October 31, 2010. **Revenue** is \$1,089,771. This is 33% of revenues collected with 33% of the year complete. **Expenditures** are \$906,138. This is 27% of budget expended with 33% of the year complete. He then reviewed adjusted expenses and the A/R Aging summary. Everyone is under 60 days except for the Town of Mansfield, he added. Mr. Hultgren said he is working toward getting Mansfield current.

### **Significant Non-recurring Expenses**

Garand reviewed significant non-recurring expenses from October 27, 2010 to November 22, 2010. Included in these expenses are: fencing for George Street Station, main repairs to 1242 Main Street (emergency line work), Mansfield arbitration, and construction costs.

### **Splash Park**

The W.P.C.A. was shown a letter from Neal Beets which was addressed to chairman Rene Goss. Mr. Goss has not received the letter to date. In his letter, Windham's Town Manager is asking the W.P.C.A. to waive indefinitely the water treatment charges for the Windham Splash Park. Garand said Mr. Beets had scheduled a meeting to discuss the Splash Park issues, but Garand was unable to attend. He said he has heard nothing more regarding a subsequent meeting to discuss the Splash Park issues.

A lengthy discussion ensued:

Mary Burnore referred to an article that appeared in the Chronicle. She said she is reluctant to issue a waiver indefinitely. She said it was stated in the newspaper article that a large majority of Splash Park users are W.P.C.A. ratepayers. She questioned whether, in fact, this was the case. She asked how they came up with that information.

Nita Giordano said she was concerned that when the Splash Park was being built, the Town was not interested in installing recycling measures. Earlier in the year the W.P.C.A. submitted a proposal to the Town suggesting that the Water and Sewer Departments pay the capital cost (in form of a loan) to install the water recycling option. The Town would save \$\$\$ annually by not paying water and sewer charges and also conserve over 2 million gallons of water per year. The Town would then repay the Water & Sewer Departments annually with their savings until the loan was paid off. This was forwarded to the Town in the form of an agreement, but the W.P.C.A. received no response.

Mary Burnore said she has concerns that the Splash Park is dumping approximately 50,000 gallons of water a day into the Town sewer system. I find this unfair especially when the citizens of Willimantic were asked to curb water usage this summer.

Chairman Rene Goss also referred to the newspaper article which stated that the W.P.C.A. waived charges in 2009. We did not waive sewer charges in 2009, said Goss. In June 2009 the Plant Superintendent was asked by the First Selectman to present “in kind services” in exchange for sewer use payments for 2009. Garand outlined a list of tasks he felt would benefit the sewer facility and the Town to offset the projected 2009/2010 sewer user charges at the Splash Park. This would include the Town providing snow plowing services at the Sewer Plant in the winter and to mow the lawn at the sewer facility pump station as needed.

Garand said the W.P.C.A. is doing its part, but there needs to be a better line of communication between the Town and the W.P.C.A. He said he would call Mr. Beets and try to set up a meeting to discuss the splash Park issues.

Discussion on this matter was tabled until the next meeting in December. This was in the form of a motion by Mary Burnore and was seconded by Stanley Morytko. The motion carried unanimously.

**Electricity Purchase Agreement: currently paying \$.114.**

Garand said he signed an agreement with Direct Energy at a fixed rate of less than \$0.085 per kilowatt for a term of 36 months.

**Lakeside Septage Receiver: Replacement not available until after next season.**

Garand said he will make repairs and modifications to the equipment until the replacement Septage Receiver has been installed.

**Settlement with Computaro Co.**

Garand said Computaros’ attorney has advised them not to make a settlement at this time because of possible retributions from Carlin Co.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. Motion by Mary Burnore and seconded by Stanley Morytko. Unanimous vote to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on December 28, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Murray, Clerk