

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
MEETING JANUARY 17, 2012

**Present:** Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Ciarlo and Madow, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle and Patricia Bidmead, Secretary WPCA.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to accept the minutes of 12/20/2011 to include the following amendments:

Page 1 regarding 335 Hickory Hill Rd. replace the word **hindering** with **depending**.

Page 2 regarding 16 Tracy St. 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence replace the word **by** with **but** and 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence change the word **replace** to **replaced**.

Correspondence: #2 add the words **and cleaning** to the televising of lower Clay St.

Page 3-After Budget add Executive Session Personnel Matter. First motion add the word **voted**. Last motion after 01/01/2012 add **ending 04/30/2012**.

Election of Officers: On a motion by Madow, seconded by Ciarlo, it was voted to maintain the status of the existing Officers. Tom Mueller, Chairman, Joe Fainer, Vice-Ch. and John Piscopo, Secretary. Motion carries.

**Report by Rich Tingle:**

**MAIN PLANT:** The Plant is running well. The sludge volume index is increasing in the SBRs.

**PUMP STATIONS:** Rich will make an appointment with Hunting Power to service the generators and also with McVac to have the wet wells pumped out.

We are still experiencing a problem with the PLC at Highwood Farms PS. We cannot clear an alarm on the magelis and will call US Automation to correct this problem.

We are troubleshooting high level alarms at Woodbridge Lane PS.

**COLLECTIONS SYSTEM:** No problems this month. Rich sent Tighe & Bond the proposed grinder pump installation for 34 Sanford Ave. to enable them to give us a quote. Rich spoke with Darryl Maslak who feels the Town is responsible for all costs relating to the grinder pump system as well as his loss of rent. Ch. Mueller contacted Atty. Rybak and passed around the response he received from him regarding his opinion on this issue. A short discussion ensued and it was decided that Rich and Ch. Mueller will visit Darryl and inform him of Atty Rybak's legal opinion.

On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to amend the agenda to discuss On Call Engineering at this time from Old Business. Motion carries.

At this time Ch. Mueller passed around the contracts from the two engineering firms that were chosen by the Town, Weston & Sampson and Tighe & Bond. A short discussion ensued. All change requests made by the WPCA were met in these contracts. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Madow, it was voted to accept both contracts as presented and to authorize Ch. Mueller to sign off on both contracts as well. Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following paperwork was passed around to the Board.

1. A quote from Atty. Rybak's office for the Fiscal Year 07/01/12-06/30/2013. His fee has remained the same. On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to retain Atty. Rybak at the agreed upon rate of \$4,000 for FY 12-13. Motion carries.
2. The CTDEEP Chief, Shift and Process Operator Verification form is completed and we received an email response stating that a Class II operator can hold the position of acting shift operator for up to one year.
3. A copy of the acceptance letter/agreement for acting Assistant Manager's position.
4. An email from the Finance Director regarding sick time pay out and vacation time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**QRD:** No new information.

**Hickory Hill PS:** No new information.

**Kennedy Drive PS:** No new information.

**Conservation & Development:** Rich attended a P&Z meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the sewer service map. Rich will contact Atty. Rybak regarding a town meeting to approve these maps along with the Town Conservation & Development Plan. The WPCA Board should approve this map before it goes to a town meeting.

**Capital Improvements:** Rich completed 3 draft capital requests that go from FY 11-12 to 13-14.

1. The web rehab of the collection system.
2. Phosphorus upgrade.
3. SCADA upgrade at the Plant and pump stations.

Rich is still waiting on the cost estimate to repair the Clay St. line and study section A&B of the sewer map.

**User Fee Review:** No new information.

**FOG Program:** Nothing new.

**List of Equipment needed:** The total cost of the Hach ORP meter with rugged probe and calibration kit with delivery is \$1,597.59 and will be ordered by Rich.

**US Automation:** The estimate for upgrading the SCADA system at the Plant and pump stations and the replacement of dedicated phone line alarms was used for capital request.

**Phosphorus:** To date Rich has not scheduled Grant Weaver from the Water Planet Company.

**On Call Engineering:** Covered earlier.

**Smith Rd.:** To date we have not received the written opinion of Atty Rybak regarding this issue.

**I/I Study:** Atty Rybak has approved the RFP for the Web project therefore we can move forward with this.

On a motion by Madow, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to add Bill and Brenda Ryan of 335 Hickory Hill Rd. to old business. Motion carries. Ch. Mueller advised the Board of Atty Rybak's opinion regarding the Ryan's request to connect to our collection system due to their failed septic system. Atty Rybak feels that if the Ryans get a letter from the Torrington Area Health stating that their request is due to a health based hardship this would not set a precedent. Bill Ryan was informed of this and claims he spoke with his neighbor and can get an easement from their property to connect and will go to Torrington Area Health for the letter.

**New Business:** A homeowner on Bristol St. would like to add 3 new homes on his property that is only approved for 1 home. He was advised to attend one of our meetings.

**Budget:** On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to approve the bills presented. Motion carries. No issues with the present budget. Rich passed around a draft for the new 2012-2013 budget. A short discussion ensued and it was tabled until next month.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Ciarlo, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 9:35PM. Motion carries.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD  
WPCA SECRETARY