

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING MARCH 15, 2011

Present: Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Madow and Ciarlo, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle, WPCA Secretary Patricia Bidmead, Jim Murphy from QRD and Charles Chiu from Maguire.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to accept the minutes of 02/15/2011 to include the following amendment:

Page 1 Tighe & Bond: replace EPA with DEP.

QRD: Jim Murphy advised the Board that QRD is still moving forward in regards to their permit. His goal is to decrease the nitrogen level by 25%. Small scale trials are presently being done. A short discussion ensued. Jim will keep in contact with Rich and move forward with sampling.

Maguire: Charles Chiu attended the meeting as the new representative from Maguire due the upcoming retirement of Alan Asikainen. Rich had contacted Maguire for help regarding the aeration pipe failure at the Plant. Maguire provided a proposal to the Board for a suitable replacement pipe. Ch. Muller expressed his concerns and displeasure with the proposal presented. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Chiu will go back to his superiors with these concerns and try to do whatever it takes to provide service to our WPCF regarding this repair at a cost suitable to both parties.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: Rich explained to the Board what happened with the broken pipe at the plant. He explained each step taken to make the repair and the cost to date is approximately \$8653. He suggested these bills get paid from the Repair and Replacement Account. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to pay all invoices for this repair from the R&R account not to exceed \$10,000. Motion Carries.

On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted that Rich have the authority to allocate any funds from the R&R Account, up to \$20,000, for emergency repairs on this project and that he checks with Ch. Mueller before doing so. Motion carries.

PUMP STATIONS: Huntington Power installed a new H-Panel Controller for the new generator at the Hickory Hill pump station. It appears to have corrected the problems but we found another problem in the controls in the dry well. Naugatuck Valley responded and changed two relays. If this does not correct this problem they will trace lines feeding the GA control panel. The total for the 2 new motors total \$2,226.84 and Rich recommends paying this from the Repair and Replacement Account. On a motion by Madow, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to pay Naugatuck Valley \$2,226.84 from the Capital account fund. Motion carries.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: On 03/07/2011 Daryl Maslak contacted Rich regarding sewage coming into the basement of his apartment building on Sanford Ave. Manholes were checked and found to be flowing. An open sewer pipe was found in the basement where the sewage was entering the building. We installed a plug to stop the flooding. Daryl was advised that the Town insurance will not cover his loss due to the open pipe. Daryl advised Rich that his insurance will cover the claim.

We had a partial blockage on Pine Hill Rd. on 03/09 that we cleared with our jet trailer.

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

1. A letter from DEP advising the WPCA of a nitrogen credit of \$23,000 for the 2010 credit exchange program.
2. An information packet from the Water Planet Company regarding nitrogen and phosphorus removal.
3. An email from Tighe & Bond regarding phosphorus and advising us of a seminar being held March 24th in Cromwell.
4. We received 3 checks from Constellation Energy for August, October and December payments totaling \$559.44 which were deposited into the R&R Account.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: Covered earlier.

Hickory Hill PS: Covered under pump stations.

Kennedy Drive PS: No new information.

Conservation & Development: Still waiting for the modified maps.

Capital Improvements: Rich attended the Capital Improvements meeting on 02/28 and presented the 4 WPCA capital requests. The phosphorus request is the only one that was acted on. It was recommended that the Town appropriate \$350,000 FY11-12 to be available September 2011 and another \$350,00 to be available 9 months later. Rich and Sue Smith will start working to get the process started.

User fee review: No new information.

FOG Program: Rich was advised by both Extra Mart and Country Grocer that they plan on meeting the July deadline.

List of equipment needed: Rich does not plan on purchasing any new equipment at this time unless it is an emergency repair or safety issue.

US Automation: No new information.

Phosphorus: Rich, Ch. Mueller, Fred Mueller from Tighe & Bond and Charles Chiu from Maguire attended a DEP workshop regarding the new phosphorus limits. Based on information received at the workshop the new limit for our facility will be 1.0mg/l.

On call engineering: There was a meeting on 02/16/11 and the final draft is being prepared. Ch. Mueller changed the wording on a paragraph regarding the WPCA which was passed around to the other Board members

New Business:

Arcadis Groundwater Discharge: The Board discussed setting a new rate for Arcadis to discharge groundwater to our system. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Madow, it was voted to increase the current fee of \$1.176/1000 gallons to a new rate of \$1.300/1000 gallons. Motion carries. Rich will notify the company of this increase.

DEP Permit Application: Rich advised the Board that all the necessary paperwork is ready to be sent to DEP.

Budget: No issues with the present budget. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the bills presented. Motion carries.

Adjournment: On a motion by Ciarlo, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 10:07PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD
WPCA SECRETARY