

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2010

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

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

On a motion by Keutzer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the minutes of 11/16/2010 to include the following amendments:

Page 1-4th paragraph add **the anticipated flows** to the second sentence. Last sentence change to seconded by Madow.

Page 1-5th paragraph add to be analyzed **for lead**. Replace the wording **go from there to all parties would reconvene the discussions once the results were available**.

Page 1-Main Plant-change Johnson and Johnson to **Johnson Controls Inc.**

Page 2-Collection system-1st paragraph, last sentence replace the word **the vents** to **his vents**.

Page 2-Correspondence-#5 change wording to read **to request a carryover of vacation time**. #6 change wording to read, **it was voted to adopt this Identity Theft Prevention Policy**.

Page 2-Capital Improvements-Change 1st sentence to **Ed Mone asked Rich about the WEB area sewer inspection and evaluation**.

Page 3-List of Equipment-add the word emergency **repair** or **safety issues**.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: Colder temperatures have affected the sludge settle ability. Rich ordered 160 gallons of chlorine to treat #2 SBR . The process is still running well.

The samples required by the DEP for the N.P.D.E.S. permit have been sent to the lab.

The hoists that are required at the Plant and the Hickory Hill pimp station have been inspected and there are now reports on all the hoists. Crane America is in the process of drafting a policy, as well as the inspection requirements, based on our equipment.

The 800 amp breaker that was sent out to be refurbished was returned but will be sent out again to have the trip mechanism replaced at no charge to us.

The #2 blower is off line due to an oil leak. We have a spare blower to use if we can't slow down the leak.

The gas detection system in the inlet works room is down. When checking for prices Rich was advised that sensors are available but the unit is obsolete. Rich has a written policy in place that was signed off by the crew that states before entering the inlet building, ventilation is turned on and you must have a calibrated portable gas meter with you. We have two of these meters on hand.

On 12/20/10 ISO-NE requested that we have our generator running by 8:10am for the winter audit. It appears that our kilowatt load dropped. The result from this event should indicate whether or not it is beneficial for the WPCA to continue with this Demand Response Program.

PUMP STATIONS: The new generator at the Hickory Hill pump station has been installed and the start up is completed. Alarms are working as well. There were some electrical problems during the start up which have been corrected and the amount for that cost will be deducted from the balance that is due.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: There was a blockage at the Plume & Atwood ROW. American Rooter responded and cleared the blockage which was caused by a clump of rags. Our jet trailer engine would not stay running and was repaired by Carbs R Us. We received a call from a woman stating that there was a sewer backup at her son's home on 118 Pine Hill Rd. When we responded we were advised that there was no blockage and we were not allowed to enter the home. All manholes in that area were checked and all was well.

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

1. An email from Sue Smith stating that the Board of Finance is requesting that all Town departments turn in budgets for the next two years.
2. A check was received from CPOWER in the amount of \$572.40 of which \$172.80 was the portion for the WPCA.
3. An email from Dan Stansfield from CPOWER explaining the new calculation that is used to determine the WPCA payments.
4. An email from Guion, Stevens & Rybak stating that the WPCA annual retainer FY 11-12 will remain at \$4,000.
5. A report from Tighe & Bond with regards to phosphorus removal. They are working on a budget number to get down to the .2 range which may include some type of filtration system.
6. A letter from the Town of Litchfield with regards to reducing their sewer service area on Smith Road to comply with the easement agreement with our Town.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: The sampling that was requested by the WPCA was not done yet. Both Rich and Ch. Mueller are researching the flow capacity left at the Plant.

Hickory Hill PS: See pump stations.

Kennedy Drive PS: No new information.

Conservation & Development: Still waiting for the modified maps.

Capital Improvements: Rich should have something for the next meeting.

User fee review: No new information.

FOG Program: Rich will be sending out another letter to those food establishments that he has not heard from.

List of equipment needed for sewage system: 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 is preparing budgetary costs for removal of phosphorus from 1.0mg/l to .20 mg/l. This will be included in the capital request.

On call engineering: A meeting is planned for sometime in January.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob McQuarrie, Chairman of Light up the Town, inquired if it would be possible to park a trailer lock up on the Plant's grounds. There is a spot along the fence line behind the Animal Shelter that appears to be a good location. Bob assured Rich that the trailer would not be an eye sore.

Budget: No issues at this time. 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 Keutzer, it was voted to adjourn at 8:30PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD
WPCA SECRETARY