

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven N. Wawruck, Jr., Jeffrey Ives, Denise Balboni, Kevin Brace, Dennis Gragnolati, William Hamel and Gary Laurito

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Crochetiere
Dana Steele, Town Engineer, Ex Officio

ALSO PRESENT: Scott C. Lappen, Director of Public Works, Ex Officio
Gary Kuczarski, Superintendent
Heather Kane, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES: April 10, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting: Gary Laurito made a motion: **TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2012** - Seconded by Jeffrey Ives. Without further discussion, the motion to approve the minutes passed 5 – 0 with two abstentions for Denise Balboni and William Hamel.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. **April 2012 Cash Reports:** Gary Laurito made a motion: **TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED** - Seconded by Kevin Brace. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **CD Investments – update and changes:** There were no questions or discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gary Kuczarski informed the Authority that the WPCF received a sewer call within the last two hours for 10 Pearl Street. A plumber had snaked the line and pulled back some debris. When he could not go any further with a camera, he went back out again with a snake which got stuck and could not be pulled back. The Connecticut Water Company (CWC) was out in that area replacing the water main about a month ago. The Town's contractor has not yet been on that street. It appears the CWC may have hit the lateral. The resident waited a month before he called to say he was having a problem. WPCF operators got in touch with CWC who will be sending a crew out there to excavate the lateral and get the plumber's snake out.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Greif Update:** The tank is in position at Greif's Windsor Locks facility. Greif hopes to have it functioning within the next week or two. The WPCF will give Greif some time to make sure the tank is running okay before they visit again. Gary Kuczarski contacted NEPCCO to make sure they will take care of the line to WPCA's satisfaction. The bill, though, will go to Greif. Greif's General Manager requested that the WPCA outline for NEPCCO everything that must be done to bring the pipe back to its initial condition.
- b. **FY 12-13 Budget Draft:** As of last month's meeting, the WPCA was still waiting on the final price of the copier lease and the price for two pumps. Gary Kuczarski did receive the prices which changed the budget somewhat. The overall budget went from a 1.5% increase to a 1.81% increase. One of the reasons is the copier lease increased from \$106/mo to \$141/mo. Another reason is that the RAS pump came in at \$15,093 and the Influent Pump came in at \$14,732. An increase from the original figure of \$12,500 each. Therefore, the rate increased from \$4.72 to \$4.74 changing the percentage of the rate increase from 3.5% to 3.9%. Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. asked, in regards to the new truck under the capital budget, if the WPCF has to go with a bigger truck instead of staying with a smaller one. Mr. Kuczarski said that the current truck is too small and that is why they are looking at a Chevy Silverado. The truck is sometimes used at the Plant as a transportation vehicle. Kevin Brace suggested looking at something more reputable for longer use. Mr. Kuczarski stated that this vehicle is off the state contract. Scott Lappen informed

the Authority that the big advantage of getting a vehicle through the state contract is that the prices are typically lower than what the WPCF would get going out on its own. Mr. Brace asked the WPCF to check on comparative pricing.

- c. **Engineering firms RFQs update:** Gary Kuczarski stated that the WPCF had seven firms that showed interest by attending the mandatory site facility visit that took a couple hours. The proposals are due tomorrow by 2 p.m. The WPCF will then start the review process and come up with a short list for the interviews. The interview process will take place on Tuesday, May 22nd. Mr. Lappen is contemplating having the director of South Windsor, who has a degree in Wastewater from WPI, sit in on the interviews and listen to the presentations as he would be able to see through all the "bells and whistles".

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Coolidge St. – Bond Issue:** Scott Lappen said that the bond council is requiring the WPCA to be on board with the Coolidge Street bond project though the WPCA is not funding it. Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. questioned if a resolution had to be adopted. Both William Hamel and Scott Lappen did not recall anything about a resolution. Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. informed the Authority that a bond referendum will hopefully occur in the next few weeks. The Public Works portion is for about \$1M for the refurbishment of the road bed, sidewalks, sanitary lines, storm drains, and the pavement of the road bed itself on Coolidge Street. Jeffrey Ives made a motion: **TO ALLOW FOR THE SANITARY LINES TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROAD BED PROJECT ON COOLIDGE STREET** – Seconded by Kevin Brace. Jeffrey Ives asked if this was just a technicality since the WPCA is not funding any part of the project. Gary Laurito asked what exactly the WPCA was to approve or accept. It is basically to allow for the work to be done. Mr. Laurito suggested that the motion should be "to accept the improved sanitary service on Coolidge Street." Mr. Hamel said that it would be more an endorsement than an acceptance as acceptance comes when the Town's people vote on it. Mr. Lappen stated that the bond council wants something in the minutes that states the Authority is in favor of the replacement of the sanitary sewers on Coolidge Street so that it could go forward. Mr. Wawruck would rather err on the side of caution and do it instead of not doing it. The Authority asked for the current motion on the table to be read back to them. Mr. Laurito asked that the following change be made to the motion: **TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSED CHANGES OF THE SANITARY SEWERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROAD BED PROJECT ON COOLIDGE STREET**. Denise Balboni asked for clarification for future projects from the Finance Director on the Commission's responsibility to accept or endorse projects. There is always something new coming up in the bond packages; something new that now needs to be done though it was never done before. There was a motion on the table and a second, the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

In regards to Mr. Brace's earlier request for the WPCF to get comparative pricing on the truck, Gary Kuczarski stated that there might be some discrepancies when comparing different manufacturers of trucks but he will see what can be done.

At 5:52 p.m., there being no other business to discuss, William Hamel made a motion: **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING** - Seconded by Dennis Gragnolati. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kane
Recording Secretary