

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven N. Wawruck, Jr., Jeffrey Ives, Denise Balboni, Joseph Calsetta and Gary Laurito

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Brace, Dennis DeMaine and John McSweegan
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 5:36 p.m.

With only Steven N. Wawruck, Jr., Jeffrey Ives, Joseph Calsetta and Gary Laurito present, there was not a quorum for the meeting.

MINUTES: Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. skipped over this agenda item since there were no corrections to discuss and a vote could not be taken due to the lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Financial Reports seem to be in order.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Nitrogen Trading Program – rec'd refund for analytical analyzer:** The WPCA received the refund of \$28,452.00 as noted in the packet that was mailed out to the Authority.
- b. **Water Pollution Control Plan - adoption:** The Authority asked for clarification on item 2.4 in the Plan where it states 'Town of Windsor' a couple of times. Gary Kuczarski will contact Fred Mueller from Tighe & Bond regarding the Authority's questions.
- c. **Ahlstrom – Abandoned Pump Station Demolition – review proposals:** Scott Lappen informed the Authority that he recommends Environmental Services based on their past history, the work they have done in Town, and the fact that the base of their business is abatement. There will be an additional charge for any necessary abatement. The cost of such abatement could be \$10,000, \$15,000 or a little bit less. It is hard to say at this time. The WPCF would be able to manage the abatement cost though because Environmental Services is first going to assess the building.

Denise Balboni arrived at 5:39 p.m.. With her arrival, the Authority now had a quorum.

Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. moved the meeting back to the minutes for August 9th.

MINUTES: August 9, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting: Jeffrey Ives made a motion: **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** - Seconded by Joseph Calsetta. Without further discussion, the motion to approve the minutes passed 5 – 0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. **July 2011 Cash Reports:**
- b. **August 2011 Cash Reports:**
- c. **CD Investments – Updates and Changes:**

Gary Laurito made a motion: **TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS ITEMS A, B AND C**—Seconded by Jeffrey Ives. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- c. **Ahlstrom – Abandoned Pump Station Demolition – review proposals:** Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. asked if there was any further discussion on this topic. This is for informational purposes only; a motion is not needed. Joseph Calsetta and Jeffrey Ives both felt comfortable with Environmental Services (ESI). Mr. Ives asked if there was an RFP on this project and if the lower bid by Resource Services met the RFP. Scott Lappen stated that the proposal from Resource Services specified that they would do what was in our spec but a spec was not provided by the WPCF. Instead, the WPCF gave a scope of work to be done, specifying the demolition of the building to four feet below the surface, the abatement of any hazardous materials and the paving of the area. The proposal by Resource Services did not state what they were going to do or how they were going to do it. The other proposals listed out what they were going to do. Joseph Calsetta stated that under the circumstances the WPCA is taking the lowest qualified bid. Gary Laurito asked if the WPCA is obligated to ask Resource Services to clarify their proposal. Mr. Lappen mentioned that there were other discrepancies in Resource Services' proposal including how the cost was numerically stated as \$15,000 but then written out as \$14,000.

Denise Balboni asked how Environmental Services compared to Associated Building Wreckers. Mr. Lappen stated that ESI's specialty is handling hazardous materials where as Associated Building Wreckers (ABW) just does demolition work and does not handle abatement. Therefore, if the WPCA decided to go with ABW, they would need to hire someone else for the abatement process. If the abatement took longer than expected, ABW could come back to the WPCA and say that they cannot be held to the agreed timeline since the abatement took longer. ESI will keep to their deadline since they will be doing the abatement themselves.

Gary Kuczarski informed the Authority that the water from the wet well inside the abandoned pump station checked out clear. There is lead in the paint that is on the walls, railings, doors, window frames and electrical panels. There are no PCBs in the caulk. The doors and railings could probably be removed, wrapped and disposed of properly. ESI just needs to give the WPCA a manifest stating that the items contaminated by lead paint were disposed of properly. Mr. Kuczarski stated that it is still unknown if there is any asbestos in the coating around the foundation and if there is any foam insulation in the cinder blocks. There would be an additional cost to remove any foam insulation before disposal. Mr. Lappen thinks, based on the age of the building, that there probably will not be any foam insulation. ESI will only have to abate to a certain level. Anything deeper than four feet below the surface will get buried. The paving is included in ESI's price while ABW and Bestech listed it separately.

Mr. Kuczarski stated that Yankee Gas wants to put 3 5x5x5 vaults in the sidewalk heading south of the station. In addition, Yankee Gas has a vent pipe that sits right in front of the abandoned pump station. They do plan on moving this vent pipe to a grassy area but they thought that they would have two years to do it. Yankee Gas is still in the process to attain easement to the property. The concern is that once the building is down, that vent pipe will be standing there all by itself. It is Yankee Gas' responsibility to move that vent pipe. Mr. Kuczarski did inform Ahlstrom that the WPCA was looking for proposals to complete the work by October 7th. The only delay WPCA could run into is if Yankee Gas does not move the vent pipe by the time ESI is ready to pave the area. ESI might have to come back and pave it after Yankee Gas moves the vent pipe. The WPCA was informed that Ahlstrom's employees would park in the lot on Elm Street during the demolition.

- b. **Water Pollution Control Plan - adoption:** Gary Laurito made a motion: **TO TABLE THIS AGENDA ITEM UNTIL NEXT MONTH'S MEETING** – Seconded by Joseph Calsetta. Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. informed Denise Balboni that the reason for tabling this item is due to questions on Plan item 2.4. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Capital Projects – discussion on bonding:** Gary Kuczarski briefly reminded the Authority that they previously talked about bonding future capital projects. Scott Lappen and Gary Kuczarski plan to provide the Authority with a spreadsheet at next month's meeting that will project what the rate will be 10 years from now when the current debt service will expire. The spreadsheet will project what the rate could be when adding an additional debt to the current debt. Mr. Kuczarski and Mr. Lappen want to keep the ball rolling on this so that they can start to plan the projects. Some of the bigger projects include: updating the antiquated control panels at Dexter's pump station and coating or sealing the concrete that is starting the break down in some of the tanks. In addition, some infrastructure within the tanks require attention due to wear and tear from constant use.

At 5:53 p.m., there being no other business to discuss, Joseph Calsetta made a motion: **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING** - Seconded by Gary Laurito. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kane
Recording Secretary