

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven N. Wawruck, Jr., Jeffrey Ives, Gary Laurito, Joseph Calsetta, Denise Balboni, Dennis DeMaine, John McSweegan and Kevin Brace

MEMBERS ABSENT: 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: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Steven N. Wawruck, Jr.

MINUTES: Jeffrey Ives made a motion: **"TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 13, 2009 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING"** - Seconded by Gary Laurito (passed 5 – 0, with two abstentions for Denise Balboni and Dennis DeMaine).

PUBLIC INPUT: Ms. Teresa Rush, a resident at 381 Ella Grasso Turnpike in Windsor Locks, introduced herself to the Authority. Ms. Rush informed the Authority that for the past fifteen years she has been living alone in the house and each year her appeal has been approved by the WPCA. She is deeply hurt by the decision to deny her appeal this year. Ms. Rush told the Authority that she came tonight to see if there is any way she can appeal that decision. She can't see putting in a meter as it would not be feasible for her.

Kevin Brace, the newest Sewer Commissioner to the Water Pollution Control Authority, arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. informed Ms. Rush that the Authority took a look at each appeal and deliberated over three months in regards to the ruling on the appeals. The Authority found that there are owners of single and double occupancy homes on CT Water that are paying much more than the average of residential users (this does not include people who have pools or sprinkler systems). Prior to this year, the appeals were approved on purely a subjective basis.

Gary Laurito informed Ms. Rush that she is not compelled to install a meter. If a resident does not install a meter, the policy that is followed by the Authority is to base the sewer usage charges on the average of residential users. It is only if one believes they are using less than the average that they should install a meter as it is the only way to document usage.

Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. informed Ms. Rush that the decision stands. The Authority, after deliberating over a few months, came to the conclusion that over the years well-users have enjoyed a subjective benefit.

Ms. Rush asked if she was the only one that was appealing this process. Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. informed Ms. Rush that he had fielded six phone calls to his office with the same complaint.

Ms. Rush stated that she feels like she is fighting a losing battle. She then thanked the Authority for their time and left the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. **October 2009 Cash Reports:** Gary Laurito noted that the Facility has used, as of October 31, 2009, 78% of the Mechanical Maintenance – Main Plant fiscal year budget. Gary Laurito asked: "Are we anticipating any big increase in that number between now and year end or is it an unknown?" Gary Kuczarski informed the Authority that there had been one big ticket item – the repair to the Main Plant Emergency Generator – and that is why the funds are as low as they are right now. Gary Kuczarski is not expecting any more big expenses and therefore does not think the WPCA will need additional funds in that budget line item. Gary Laurito made a motion: **"TO**

ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED” – Seconded by Joseph Calsetta. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. digressed for the moment to introduce Kevin Brace, the newest Commissioner who was elected last Tuesday and who is replacing Edward Ferrari on the Commission. He asked for everyone to take a moment to go around the table and introduce ourselves.

- b. **Atty. Chadwick’s Quarterly Update – Delinquent Accounts:** Gary Laurito requested that Attorney Chadwick give the Authority the results of the hearing that occurred for account #1095. In addition, Gary Laurito noted that the last payment we received for account #2763 was in 2006 and yet this account is not even in suit. There is a \$1500 limit to start foreclosure processes. Denise Balboni asked about Shailesh Patel, account #2009, who missed the July payment and is now over the \$1500 amount. This account will be on the list starting next month. Action is supposed to be taken on accounts on the legal list. Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. stated that Atty. Chadwick is still waiting on the court date for Canal Bank Realty, LLC. If an account is making payments, Atty. Chadwick will push the court date out. Jeffrey Ives recommended that Atty. Chadwick should put a remark in regards to where the proceedings stand for each account on the list.
- c. **CD Investments – update and changes:** There were no questions or concerns regarding the CD Investments.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Appeals – 2009-2010 Sewer User Fee Appeals – wells:** Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. received six complaint calls in regards to the well appeals last month. Each person seemed to understand the decision once it was explained to them. There was one resident though, Mr. Murkowicz, whose house is only partially hooked up to the sewer. His basement sewer goes to a septic tank because when the sewer line was put in years ago they could not hook up the basement. Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. informed Mr. Murkowicz that he would bring his appeal before the Authority for reconsideration. Jeffrey Ives and Joseph Calsetta both said it sounded like Mr. Murkowicz did not hook up his basement because he did not want to pay for an injector pump at the time. Therefore, the ruling on the Mr. Murkowicz’s appeal still stands. Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. will call Mr. Murkowicz on Wednesday with the outcome. Heather Kane mentioned that eight people called or stopped by the Facility to complain in regards to the ruling on the appeals. These eight people include the six that also called Steven N. Wawruck, Jr. Out of the eight calls, one well-user said that she will probably install a meter.
- b. **WPCF New Computer/Server Update** – The WPCA did receive a quote back from TAB Computers with the “not to exceed \$12,520.00” per the Authority’s request last month. TAB Computers did come to the Facility to determine the configuration of the server which is currently being built at TAB. A computer technician from TAB will be back on November 18th and 19th to install the server.
- c. **CT Water Meters:** Gary Kuczarski’s contact at the CT Water Co., Art O’Neill, is currently out on extended leave. Gary spoke to two other individuals who passed on the information to Al Braig at CT Water Co. Gary has also spoken directly to Al Braig. Mr. Braig stated that there should be no problem with any resident from Windsor Locks purchasing a meter and horn at the East Windsor office of the CT Water Co. He just needs to look into the price for the automatic reader. There are two options, though Mr. Braig thinks an ABR automatic reader would be the best option for the WPCA based on cost. WPCA still needs to send out a follow-up letter to the well users listing the WPCA-approved water meters by the end of this month.

NEW BUSINESS: None

At 6:23 p.m. there being no other business to discuss, Jeffrey Ives made a motion: **“TO ADJOURN THE MEETING”** – Seconded by Dennis DeMaine (passed unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kane
Recording Secretary