

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Meeting of May 26, 2010**

**Members Present:** Paul Anderson, Tom Davis, Jim Barton, Chuck Riggott (Alternate) and George Butenkoff (Alternate)

**Members Absent:** Philip Godeck and Dave Tyler

**Others Present:** WPCA Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, Chief Operator Edward Alibozek, Plant Operator Marc Brennan, WPCA Attorney Vincent Purnhagen, and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

**Time and Place**

Paul Anderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the East Windsor Water Pollution Control Authority Administration Building, 192 South Water St., East Windsor, CT

**I. Designate Alternate**

Mr. Butenkoff sat in for Mr. Godeck and Mr. Riggott sat in for Mr. Tyler.

**II. Acceptance of Minutes of April 28, 2010**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of April 28, 2010.  
Barton/Riggott  
In favor: Barton/Riggott/Anderson  
Abstention: Butenkoff  
Passed

**III. Payment of Bills**

**Motion:** To authorize the payment of the May 26, 2010 bill sheet in the amount of \$45,926.44 and to authorize the Superintendent to have the WPCA portion of the Kement bill paid when it is figured out.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously  
Discussion: Mr. Enderle went over the bill sheet outlining any unusual bills. There was a bill from Cota Construction for the grading and cut back of the North Road Pump Station (the new pump station on the Scantic). Mr. Enderle explained that the invoice was for 2 days work; they did a nice job. There was a lengthy discussion concerning an invoice from Kement Construction for a repair at 28 Church St. It was reported that there was a repair to the lateral this past December; Mr. Kement was concerned that the problem might be in the road, but it was not a good time to cut into the road; it couldn't be patched in the cold weather. It was initially thought that it was the property owner's problem but the problem was in the line in the road. The first repair didn't solve the problem. Mr. Barton questioned why the WPCA was responsible for the bill.

**Motion:** To suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of holding the public hearing scheduled for 7:15 p.m.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

**IV. Public Hearing Scheduled at 7:15 p.m.**

**Motion:** To open the public hearing on proposed revision to sewer user charges, as set forth in the legal notice published in the *Journal Inquirer* on May 14, 2010.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

**Motion:** To dispense with the reading of the individual revisions as itemized in the legal notice published in the *Journal Inquirer* on May 14, 2010.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

Attorney Despina Tartsinis was present regarding Sofia's Plazas LLC, 122 Prospect Hill Rd and 2 North Rd. She explained that she emailed the WPCA about her concerns with the increased usage at Sofia's Plaza II, 122 Prospect Hill Rd. Mr. Enderle called her and Mr. Alibozek met with her regarding her concerns. The usage is increasing by 14 units, from 43 units to 57 units, yet they've had a decrease in tenants. Mr. Alibozek suggested that they read their meters monthly. She has contacted her tenants and is going through the process of inspecting their units. Sanditz Travel has a leaking sink, Sign-a-Rama has a running toilet, Smokers Discount has a running toilet and a sink with continuously running water. She will actively be monitoring water usage going forward. Ms. Tartsinis asked if the Board could postpone the revision or update the usage in January. Mr. Anderson replied that the WPCA bills in arrears; the usage has already come to the plant. Mr. Enderle explained that with the monitoring of the water usage, next year's sewer use bills should be back to where they were. Mr. Enderle thanked Ms. Tartsinis for attending the public hearing.

Mr. Enderle explained that the clean water takes up space at the plant and he would rather have the dirty water; it is a food source.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing on proposed revision to sewer user charges.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

**Motion:** To resume the regular meeting.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

**Motion:** To suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of holding the public hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

## **V. Public Hearing Scheduled at 7:30 p.m.**

**Motion:** To open the public hearing scheduled for Wig, 64 Stoughton Rd and The Mansion's at Canyon Ridge LLC, 22 Canyon Ridge Dr.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

There was no one present for Wig, 64 Stoughton Rd. This is an existing single family home and one half of the FCC has been paid.

There was no one present for The Mansion's at Canyon Ridge LLC, 22 Canyon Ridge Dr. This is a new 10 unit apartment building and one half of the FCC has been paid.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing for Wig, 64 Stoughton Rd and The Mansion's at Canyon Ridge LLC, 22 Canyon Ridge Dr.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

**Motion:** To resume the regular meeting.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

### Payment of Bills – continued

The discussion of the bill for 28 Church St continued. Mr. Barton feels the WPCA does not have a defined practice; they need to write a policy. Mr. Alibozek explained that it was a judgment call; they have tried to be uniform. Mr. Anderson stated that we are extending a policy that was in use.

### ***\*Attorney Purnhagen arrived at 7:42 p.m. and remained until adjournment***

Mr. Anderson stated that the first work was done on private property; that is the property owner's responsibility. The WPCA will pay their part of the bill and the property owner will pay their part. Mr. Riggott questioned why the WPCA was going into homeowner's cellars. He has a problem with the liability. Mr. Enderle replied that we operate as a utility and help the homeowner. The WPCA prides itself on providing a public service. It is a judgment call; there are exceptions and extenuating circumstances. Mr. Enderle will contact Skip Kement to figure out which portion of the bill is the property owners and which portion belongs to the WPCA. Mr. Anderson wants the Kement bill payment suspended; Mr. Enderle can authorize payment when the billing is figured out.

The Cota bill was discussed. Mr. Enderle questioned if there was a clerk of the works during construction. From this point going forth, all work will be inspected. Mr. Anderson asked Attorney Purnhagen if they could bring a law suit against the responsible party. Attorney Purnhagen explained that they would need documentation and expert testimony. Mr. Enderle will contact JR Russo's about getting an engineering report. Mr. Alibozek explained that he had contacted all of the parties involved. The drainage work that was authorized by the Board has been completed. Mr. Barton stated if someone else is responsible they should help pay. Attorney Purnhagen asked if Mr. Chapman has been approached to fix it. Mr. Enderle will gather information.

## **VI. Visitors**

There were no visitors.

## **VII. Receipt of Applications**

There were no new applications.

## **VIII. Approval of Applications**

There were no applications to be approved.

## **IX. Legal**

### **Pump Station Agreement – SJK Properties, Quarry Meadows**

There was nothing new to report.

### **Returned Warrant**

Attorney Purnhagen stated that they are proceeding.

## **X. Action on Facility Connection Charges**

**Motion:** To impose the FCC as published Wig, 64 Stoughton Rd and The Mansion's at Canyon Ridge LLC, 22 Canyon Ridge Dr.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

## **XI. Action on Revision to Sewer User Charges**

**Motion:** To adopt the proposed revision to the sewer user charge in accordance with the legal noticed published in the *Journal Inquirer* on May 14, 2010.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

## **XII. Adoption on Revision to Sewer User Charges**

**Motion:** To impose a rate of \$244 per sewer user unit based on 4896 sewer units, for a total budget of \$1,231,529.26 for the FY2010-11.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
In favor: Butenkoff/Davis/Riggott  
Opposed: Barton  
Passed  
Discussion: Mr. Barton asked where the increase in the budget was. Mr. Anderson stated there is a zero percent salary increase; there is an increase in the health insurance, pension, FICA, contracted services and pump station maintenance. Mr. Anderson provided Mr. Barton with a budget spreadsheet showing the +/-'s from the previous year's budget. Mr. Barton wanted to know where we are at this point in the current budget. Mr. Enderle explained that money has been allocated; spare parts are purchased at the end of the year. Mr. Barton stated that he is opposed to the increase in the sewer user rate; he feels the WPCA is just trying to spend money. Mr. Enderle explained that we are a utility and we have to maintain not only the plant but the sewer lines also. There is an issue with the sewer lines; we not only have to treat the sewage, we have to get it to the plant. Mr. Enderle can understand not wanting to increase the sewer user rate; but there is a cost to clean water. There are state laws that we have to

operate by and that is how the budget needs to be put together. Mr. Barton questioned what the conferences and training were for. Mr. Anderson stated that it is for mandatory training. They have an empty position that will be filled for an operator in training. Mr. Barton didn't agree with hiring another person. Mr. Enderle explained that without another person they can't get out to jet/clean the sewer lines. There is the potential for serious sewer line blockages and breakages. They have a new jet truck that they can't use without an additional person. Mr. Butenkoff felt it didn't make sense if they couldn't use the truck.

**Motion:** To move the question.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
In favor: Butenkoff, Davis, Riggott  
Opposed: Barton  
Passed

### **XIII. Unfinished Business**

#### **North Road Sewer**

Mr. Enderle reported that Sue Gregware, USDA, informed him that the WPCA will receive a 44.36% grant. The figures based on the estimate of \$3,887,000; the grant would be \$1,725,000 with \$2,162,000 financed at 3.25%. At a 20 year repayment, the monthly repayment would be \$12,262 per month. The next step is for the State Office of the USDA to sign off. The Board of Selectmen has authorized First Selectman, Denise Menard, to sign the obligation for funding. Mr. Anderson pointed out that this does not create an obligation to the Town.

#### **Prospect Hill Road Benefit Assessments**

Mr. Enderle has not had an opportunity to work on this; he hopes to have them for next month.

### **XIV. New Business**

#### **Major Sewer Line Repair – Pleasant St – TV Inspection of Sewer Line**

Mr. Enderle reported that Marc Brennan is a Master Plumber and is very knowledgeable. Mr. Brennan brought his concerns about the sewer lines on Pleasant St and North Main St to Mr. Enderle's attention. Mr. Enderle had Charlie Brown of Mobile Robotics TV the line on Pleasant St and North Main St. He puts a closed circuit TV camera into the sewer line. A video of a portion of the TV inspection was shown. Mr. Enderle explained what was being shown on the video. It showed what a good, clean pipe looks like; this gives a base line and shows exactly where the problems are. The video showed roots and grease in the line. There are sections of pipe that are severely blocked with roots and there are sections with broken pipe. Mr. Enderle stated that they need to proactively stay on top of the problems. The lines need to be regularly cleaned. Mr. Enderle distributed a report that Mr. Alibozek put together regarding the TV inspection of Pleasant St and North Main St; it was the consensus of Board to have the report available on the WPCA website. Mr. Enderle thanked Mr. Brennan for attending the meeting; Mr. Brennan felt it was important.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Enderle reported that on May 17<sup>th</sup> he began his position as Superintendent. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, he and Mr. Alibozek attended the Board of Selectmen's Meeting regarding the North Rd Sewer Project. The WPCA was acknowledged by the Board of Selectmen for their quick response to a sewage problem at the middle school. There was a positive article in the *Journal Inquirer* about the North Road Sewer Project Funding. All of the Selectmen think the project is a good idea. On May 24<sup>th</sup> Mr. Enderle met with First Selectman Denise Menard, Town Engineer Len Norton and the CT Water Co about trying to get the Town to include money to extend the water main

on North Rd; that won't happen. Mr. Enderle and Mr. Anderson met with Catherine Cabral, Town Treasurer and Samantha Lee, Town Tax Collector regarding the Facility Connection Charge money. Mr. Anderson felt they made progress and clarified issues; Mr. Enderle felt they made a good start.

Mr. Enderle reported that Konrad Karolczuk is doing an excellent job watching the process for the nitrogen credit. There are a number of pieces of process equipment that need to go out for repair. They are using pieces from the ditch they are not using; every piece of equipment needs to be operational. They are in an exchange mode; this concerns Mr. Enderle.

Mr. Enderle stated that it had been a challenging 8 days since he stated but it is a pleasure to work with a professional staff. They will get through the issues.

Mr. Anderson reported that he met with Mr. Alibozek regarding contract negotiations; it went well.

**Motion:** To transfer \$2,746.08 from the Perri Lane Operating STIF Account to 1-11-30-0210-4-438 Pump Station Maintenance Account.  
Butenkoff/Davis  
Passed unanimously

#### **XV. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.  
Butenkoff/Davis

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael  
Recording Secretary