

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on July 22, 2019 in the Conference Room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Lane, Pellegrino, Stamp, Thomas and Werner
ABSENT: Freda, Sheridan
ALSO PRESENT: Andy Bevilacqua, Town Engineer
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Cheryl Maratea, Public Works
Matthew Johnson, Veolia

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Werner asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 meeting. Mr. Lane motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Stamp. Mr. Pellegrino abstained. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Werner then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2019 meeting. Mr. Pellegrino motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Lane. Mr. Stamp abstained. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. WPCF Plant Operations – status report (MB- Veolia) - Mr. Barrows reported the plant is running well and there were NO violations to report. Nitrogen is finally stabilizing. Currently \$112,000 would be owed in Nitrogen. Last month the mixer failed. A new one was purchased for \$14,800 and is currently on order. This item will take approximately 4 months to arrive. The McDermott Road pump replacement arrived and has been installed.

3. WPCF Power Issues - (Matt Johnson – Veolia Water) There have been power issues in the Blower building that need to be addressed. The Solar panels will go online in 2 weeks and a generator will be used for the Blower Building. At this time the power issues cannot be resolved. Either this is a WPCF problem or an UI issue. Mr. Johnson recommended Wright Pierce to determine the cause of this problem. Solid data of what is happening so the issue can be resolved. Mr. Johnson needs authorization to move forward on this. The cost of this will be approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 Mr. Pellegrino motioned to move forward with all work needed to resolve this problem, seconded by Mr. Stamp. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. WPCF Headworks Screen Projected Expenditures - (Matt Johnson – Veolia Water) – Mr. Johnson discussed with the commission on the option that was chosen for this project. At the next meeting Mr. Johnson will give the commission a schedule of the work to be performed and the cost involved. He wants everyone to be totally aware of the cost and the work involved before this plan moves forward. It is going to take six (6) months to a year to get this project moving forward. Mr. Johnson is going to look into using Veolia crews for some of the work. This will be much more cost effective. This project will cost + \$900,000. There will be another increase in the Sewer Use rate for the next billing period help cover the cost of this project.

- 5. Sewer System Study – Consultant Selection – (AB)** Mr. Bevilacqua informed the commission the four (4) prospective Consultant interviews have been completed, Weston and Sampson had the highest interview rating and was awarded the consultant job. Mr. Bevilacqua will begin contract talk with Sampson and Weston. Negotiating fees and defining scope of work to be provided. He will submit to DEEP the final proposal so that the Town can make formal application to receive 55% of the cost of this study.
- 6. DEEP Notice of Violation NOV) Update - (AB)** Mr. Bevilacqua updated the commission on the NOV- Notice of Violation the plant received from DEEP. Mr. Bevilacqua submitted a formal agreement within the 30 days stating a meter will be installed and will be tied into the Scada system so information will be uploaded to DEEP if a sewer overflow should occur. An overflow has not occurred since 2011. This will be the first order of business once the consultant begins work. It will be determined whether the consultant will oversee this or Veolia will. The letter also states that a proactive approach will be used concerning the WPCF's capacity levels
- 7. Summer Lane Assessments Update - (AB) -** Mr. Bevilacqua gave the commission a handout with an update on the Summer lane Assessment payments. All but one (1) resident has started the payment plan or paid in full.
- 8. 2018 FOG Update /2019 FOG Preview - (AB) -** Mr. Bevilacqua updated the commission on the Fog program, Annie's Kitchen is the only business that has not paid the 2018 fee. This matter has been turned over to the Town attorney. Mr. Bevilacqua will update the commission on this matter after speaks with the Selectman's office. Overall the 2018 FOG program was very successful. The 2019 FOG permit letters are being worked on and will be sent out to the businesses that are part of this program around September 1st.
- 9. GNHWPCA Inter-Local Agreement – AB) -** Mr. Bevilacqua updated the commission on the status of this agreement. Both North Haven and New Haven Town Attorneys are satisfied with the agreement. North Haven will charge GNH our town rate for their flow into our system. GNH will charge their rate for what flows from North Haven into their system. This will cost our town more, approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000 a year. This is due to the fact that North Haven sends more flow to New Haven and the sewer rate is higher. The intent is to track the flows better. This is the first formal agreement. From an operational standpoint New Haven and North Haven will work together towards a common goal. This agreement must be ratified by New Haven and North Haven. Mr. Pellegrino motioned to approve this agreement seconded by Mr. Stamp. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- 10. Payment of Bills - None**
- 11. Miscellaneous – None**
- 12. Public Comments - None**

13. Adjournment – Mr. Stamp motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thomas. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.