



Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present: D. Parisi (arr. 7:08), E. Duell, J. Galeota, P. Gilbert, and S. Koehler

Others Present: T. Webb-WPCA Admin., J. Thompson-Town Engineer, R. Grasis-Vernon WPCA, R. Hartenstein-Stafford WPCA, R. Dearborn-Landmark Surveys, Dan & Teri Kupferschmid, J. Luczak, P. Sirois, G. Clark

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Ed Duell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2016 Meeting

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2016 MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

4. New Business

1. Hayes Ave. additional flow request

The Kupferschmids of 53 Hayes Ave explained to the WPCA that they are subdividing their property of 5.5 acres to build another house for their children and would like permission to tie the sewer into their existing lateral. The existing subdivision sat back so far from the road that it created a hardship to run it all the way to Hayes Ave. The first subdivision was granted approval for septic. The discussion was that the original lot at

53 Hayes Ave was allocated flow for one three bedroom home. The additional lot they are now developing did not exist when the allocations were made and it now creates additional flow with an additional home and bedrooms. This would require the WPCA to grant additional flow. Tim Webb explained that the extra flow from Vernon was allocated for commercial and industrial use as well as future expansion of the sewer service area. The Plan of Conservation and Development does not promote expanded residential. The WPCA explained that they could not grant the additional flow. The Kupferschmids asked if a septic system could be constructed on the lot. Being that the parcel of land is in the sewer service area, a septic system would not be allowed. They asked if the subdivided parcel could be taken out of the service area. Rachel Dearborn, Landmark Surveys, explained that the subdivided lot is now the last lot in the sewer service area. Mapgeo incorrectly shows 53 ½ Hayes Ave as being in the sewer area. Tim Webb and Jim Thompson will research to see if 53 Hayes is in fact the last parcel of the sewer service area and if so, they can request the removal of the new lot providing it can support a septic system.

2. YMCA Additional Flow Request

A letter was received from YMCA on Pinney St requesting additional flow. Tabled to April meeting.

5. Old Business

1. I&I Clean Water Fund Grant Submittal-Update

Tim Webb told the WPCA that the Town Engineer has been working with him on several other projects this month and that the grant submittal will be complete in April.

2. H2S Update

Tim Webb referred to the Country Pure Foods bioxide report that shows the system is working well. The H2S levels were less than 1%.

3. Windermere Village, Jim to Report

Jim Thompson stated that he spoke to the engineer and verbally discussed what Ellington was missing in terms of documentation. Jim will be writing a letter this week and will have more information in April.

4. Stein Road

Peter Sirois told the WPCA that they spoke to the residents where the sewer line would be passing and neither are interested in participating in

the construction. Therefore, they need direction on where to place the laterals. Tim Webb and Jim Thompson will go out and make that determination. Both of the neighbors will need to have a pump. They asked if they could shorten the sewer line and lengthen the lateral for the last house and they were told no. Jim Thompson told him that the object is to get have the shortest lateral length as possible. He stated that the bond and inspection fees will be collected before the work is started. Mr. Clark's property at 155 Ellington Ave and on Stein Rd will have the benefit assessments waived.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PLAN FOR STEIN ROAD SEWER AS PRESENTED, REVISED 11/6/2015 PENDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN ENGINEER, JAMES THOMPSON'S LETTER.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD ABERLE FARM DEVELOPMENT TO THE AGENDA.

5. Aberle Farm

Rachel Dearborn of Landmark Surveys told the Authority that they have reconfigured the development and are within the allotted flow for the parcel. They are developing 13 lots with 2, 3, and 4 bedroom houses. Due to the sewer construction to connect the back lots, they are asking for the tie in fee to be waived.

Jim Luszak, engineer for the project stated that he met with town staff at the Land Use office on Thursday and was told to come to this meeting. They are requesting a waiver of the connection and inspection fees. The developer is putting in 2,000 feet of sewer lines with an easement to Mountain St.

After much discussion, the WPCA did not allow for the waiver of the assessments or inspection fees. Mr. Thompson stated that the inspection, legal and engineering fees would be paid up front after he determines them. The general location of the sewer line is good but they may be required to widen the 20 ft easement to 25 ft for ease of bringing equipment in for repair in the future. When the full plans are developed, the Town Engineer will review them and issue his letter.

6. Administrative

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

Tim Webb told the WPCA that the pump stations have been working well and there were a couple of grinder pump alarms. The High School Pump Station had issues from a raccoon that chewed the wires and a resident was billed for a grinder pump damaged by throwing incorrect materials down the sewer. He has paid for the repairs.

ii. **Other**

The Operating Budget for the WPCA will be no change, the breakdown will be forthcoming in April.

7. Misc. Communications - None

8. Adjournment

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Smith".

Lori Smith, Recording Secretary