



Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017

MINUTES

Members Present: D. Parisi, E. Duell, J. Galeota, P. Gilbert, and S. Koehler

Others Present: T. Webb-WPCA Admin., J. Thompson-Town Engineer, R. Stomberg-Selectman, T. Knowlton-Milone & MacBroom, W. Coons, R. Grasis-Dir., Vernon WPCA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2016 Meeting

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2016 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

4. New Business

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE ITEM 2. WINDERMERE VILLAGE FROM OLD BUSINESS TO NEW BUSINESS.

1. Windermere Village

Town Engineer James Thompson stated that he reviewed what he received so far and there are 5 lengths of pipe that are substandard grade and need to be resolved. There are depressions in the line that need to be repaired. He stated that Ellington had the same situation on Oak Hill Estates and the contractor replaced all the problem areas. The developer needs to make this work. He is recommending that a mandrel test be done for those 5 lengths. Mr. Thompson stated that he needs the

profiles to determine if they can be brought down to grade. Mr. Knowlton of Milone & MacBroom stated that because they used PVC pipe, they can use a smaller grade, the .04% is the standard for concrete pipe. He also stated that tying into the existing sewer at the street dictated the pitch of the line. Chairman Dan Parisi stated that the contractor has to go by the design of the plan and if it said .04%, that is the pitch to be used. Mr. Coons stated that the plan did not say a minimum of .04%. He also stated that if they have to dig up the sewer line, it will be destructive because all other utilities are buried above the line.

The WPCA agreed to require a mandrel test and then the Town Engineer will determine the bond figure. He will get the recommendation and bond amount based on the video testing to Mr. Coons by the end of next week. There is a 5% deflection rate for mandrel testing. If the test passes, the bond will be reduced accordingly

2. User's Fee (2017)

Mr. Webb passed out a 5 year report of the user fees and noted that the fixed rate was reduced substantially over that period. He is recommending that the fixed rate be adjusted upward. Mr. Koehler asked why they couldn't adjust the fees by a percentage every two years. Jim Thompson suggested using published fees. Mr. Webb will research and have the Finance Officer attend next month's meeting to discuss the projected budget and the actual operating costs.

5. Old Business

1. H2S Update

Tim Webb told the commission that there were some spikes but a call to Country Pure corrected the situation.

2. Sewer Assessment Policy

No action necessary, will be removed from the agenda.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISCUSS MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE.

6. Misc. Communications

Mr. Grasis of Vernon told the commission that the facilities plan is on the fast track and that they have until July 2019 to secure a contractor. This must be accomplished in order to get funding for the phosphorous system. They had a meeting with the DEEP and there are other items that are eligible for 50% funding. DEEP is requiring a map of the participating town's sewer service area and each town has been very cooperative getting the information to Vernon. Mr.

Grasis told Mr. Webb that DEEP accepted the Mapgeo data for Ellington's sewer area. Mr. Webb stated that it had recently been updated and to make sure they are looking at the most current version. Mr. Parisi received an invoice for the first payment for Ellington's portion of the facilities upgrade in the amount of \$63,256.80.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON IN FULL FOR ELLINGTON'S PORTION OF THE COST FOR THE FACILITIES PLAN.

7. Administrative

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

Grinder Pump maintenance and line flushing being done this month.

ii. Other

The camera truck has been ordered and each town will have use of it for a three month period. The vendor is including education in the contract for each town.

8. Adjournment

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary