

Water Pollution Control Authority  
August 22, 2012  
Regular Meeting  
Town Hall – Council Chambers

Members Present: Mr. Steve Carroll  
Mr. Tim Pelton (Chairman)  
Mr. John Perrotti  
Mr. Thomas Scannell

Members Absent: Mr. Matt Bowman  
Mr. Walter Gancarz

Others Present: Mr. Dennis Dievert, Superintendent, WPCD  
Mr. Donald Chelton, AECOM  
Mr. Joseph Michelangelo, Director of Public Works

Chairman Pelton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum determined. The assembled group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Pelton explained to the audience how to exit the chamber in the event of an emergency, in compliance with the Fire Marshal's order. Mr. Pelton presented Mr. Michelangelo a token of appreciation from the Authority. Mr. Michelangelo has accepted a position in Fairfield, CT. Authority members thanked him for his many years of service to the WPCA and the town.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Pelton referred to correspondence received regarding the Upper Blackstone District Sewage Treatment Plant court decision. The Federal appeals court has upheld implementation of long-delayed more stringent limits on nitrogen and phosphorus pollution discharges from the sewage treatment plant in Millbury. The court has lifted a stay of enforcement that had been in place since April 2011. It is anticipated that the cost of compliance with the court decision will cost Upper Blackstone approximately \$200 million—in addition to the \$180 million already spent to upgrade the plant.

## **APPLICATIONS**

### 44 Alison Avenue

Mr. Michelangelo informed the Authority that property owners at 44 Alison Avenue are requesting permission to connect to the Town of Wallingford sewer system. The house is situated in Cheshire but a portion of the property has frontage on a portion of Alison Avenue in Wallingford which has a sewer main maintained by the Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Michelangelo reported that the staff of the Wallingford sewer system is in agreement with the extension of the sewer service to this property. The application must be

approved by the Wallingford Public Utilities Commission and is subject to the execution of an Intermunicipal Utility Agreement between the towns of Wallingford and Cheshire.

In response to a query from the Authority, Mr. Michelangelo stated that Attorney Andrew Lord is in agreement with approval of this application, and he will work with him on the wording of the Intermunicipal Agreement.

Mr. Pelton moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approve the application of property owners at 44 Alison Avenue, Cheshire, CT to connect to the Town of Wallingford sewer system and an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Wallingford be executed. The application is consistent with the OPM C & D plan and has been reviewed by Town Counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scannell.

Discussion of Motion:

Mr. Kasinskas asked that the wording of the Intermunicipal Agreement be reviewed to be in agreement with the circumstances of this application.

Vote on Motion: Carried Unanimously.

## **PROJECTS**

### WPCD Plant Upgrade Design-Project Update

Mr. Chelton reminded the Authority that the firm of Kruger Associates was chosen as the tentative vendor for the disk filters for the plant upgrade, subject to the pilot demonstration of the equipment. A site meeting was held with representatives of Kruger and Mr. Dievert and his staff to coordinate the pilot effort.

Mr. Chelton stated that equipment should be on site in the middle of September and the pilot program will last ten days. Information should be available by the October meeting as to whether the equipment performed satisfactorily.

Mr. Pelton referred to a copy of a letter from Dennis Greci of the DEEP stating that the disc filter for phosphorus removal has been reviewed and the firm of Kruger, Inc. has been tentatively recommended. The letter authorizes the town to incorporate the Kruger disc filter system into the design of the Water Pollution Control Authority facility upgrade.

Mr. Chelton stated that the ending dates for the project remain the same.

Mr. Scannell moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approve Invoice # 37263653 of AECOM in the amount of \$80,353.05 for work relating to the WPCD Plant Upgrade Design Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carroll and carried unanimously.

Mr. Perrotti stated that there is \$26,000 left in the original design agreement. Mr. Chelton stated that he anticipates that those funds will carry his firm through the November referendum. Most of the work now relates to the pilot program that Kruger will be performing. The level of effort of AECOM will be slowing down now until the referendum. Once the work of Kruger is completed and the referendum has hopefully passed, then work will commence to bring design to 100 % completion.

In response to a query from the Authority, Mr. Chelton stated that he will prepare a supplemental proposal for additional fees for approval in October for work to be performed after the referendum if the project passes.

#### West Johnson Pump Station Design Project

Mr. Chelton reported that design of the pump station project is continuing with the target date of completion of January 15, 2013.

Mr. Carroll moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approve Invoice # 37263582 of AECOM in the amount of \$16,800.00 for work relating to the West Johnson Avenue Pump Station Design Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scannell and carried unanimously.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### Comments of Draft NPDES Permit

Mr. Dievert reported that he is working with Mr. Jon Pearson of AECOM regarding the draft permit from DEEP. There seems to be a conflict with the wording of the hard copy permit and the language on the Web site. There were some changes from the pre-draft and that seems accurate. Mr. Dievert stated that the 30-day deadline for response will be met.

Mr. Chelton stated that what is posted on the Web site is different from the draft permit received, and the web site should display the accurate language. He stated that this is a technicality but must be resolved so the permit is procedurally correct. Mr. Dievert stated that he feels that the problem with the language should be remedied so there is no question as to the nature of the permit. He feels that the draft should be corrected so it is accurate.

In response to a query from Mr. Pelton, Mr. Dievert stated that it may be a month or more before the permit issue is resolved. He reminded members that this permit has the phosphorous limits included. The phosphorous limit is 0.2 m.p.l. and if the Authority wants to challenge that limit it must do so now. It was the consensus of the Authority not to challenge that limit.

Update of Pilot for Disc Filter

Mr. Dievert stated that Kruger is gearing up to start the pilot program and he is pleased with the pilot crew.

**NEW BUSINESS**DEEP Disc Filter Approval Letter

Authority members concurred that they were pleased with the rapid turnaround of the disc filter approval.

OPM Conservation and Development Plan

Mr. Pelton noted that there have been changes in the OPM and C & D plan. Mr. Pelton will review the plan and report to the Authority on changes to the plan, as well as how this may affect the town Facilities Plan.

**OLD BUSINESS**Capital Budget Hearing July 31, 2012

Mr. Pelton informed the Authority that he made a presentation to the Town Council regarding the WPCD Plant Upgrade Design Project and recommended that the cost of the project be established at 32.1 Million. He stated that councilors asked good questions, but he is not sure of the final number that will be placed on the referendum ballot. Mr. Pelton stated that he is comfortable with the process.

Joint Council/WPCA Public Hearing 8/21/12

Mr. Pelton informed the Authority that he and Mr. Bowman, Mr. Perrotti and Town Manager Milone made an excellent presentation on the plant upgrade at the joint meeting. There was no public input. There were some positive questions and comments from Town Council members.

WPCA Education Effort

Mr. Pelton informed the Authority that he and Mr. Perrotti and Mr. Gancarz met to fine tune the education effort presentation. Mr. Gancarz is contacting civic organizations to schedule presentations. The presentations will begin 4-6 weeks prior to the referendum. Mr. Carroll stated that the Authority must know the final figure that the Town Council will place on the referendum. The presentation will be on the Access channel as well.

RWA Basis for Sewer Use Fee

Mr. Michelangelo reported that all necessary information regarding water usage has been received from the RWA, and it now must be analyzed. It will most likely take 2-3 months to get someone on board to replace Mr. Michelangelo, so this process will be delayed.

Chesprocott Information

Authority members received copies of the monthly report from Chesprocott, detailing septic system failures and repairs for the month of July. All issues were code compliant situations and not of significance to the Authority.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Scannell moved that the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of July 25, 2012, be approved as presented, subject to correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carroll and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Carroll moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scannell and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Pelton, Chairman  
Water Pollution Control Authority

Attest:

Susan F. Zwick

Distribution:

Members: W.P.C.A.  
Michael Milone, Town Manager  
David Schrumm, Town Council Liaison  
Andrew Lord, Town Attorney  
Donald Chelton/Jon Pearson, AECOM  
Joseph Michelangelo, Ex-Officio Member  
George Noewatne, Operations Manager  
Dennis Dievert, Superintendent [WPCD](#)  
Susan Zwick, Recording Secretary

