

Water Pollution Control Authority
September 26, 2012
Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Council Chambers

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

Members Absent: Mr. Matt Bowman

Others Present: Mr. Dennis Dievert, Superintendent, WPCD
Mr. Donald Chelton, AECOM
Mr. David Schrumm, Liaison, Town Council (8:30 p.m.)

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.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public communications to come before the Authority.

APPLICATIONS

OTR Associates, LLC, 200 Old Towne Road

Attorney Anthony Fazzone addressed the Authority on behalf of the applicant. He stated that approvals for the aforementioned property were obtained in August of 2011 and September, 2011. The application was approved by Planning & Zoning in September of 2011.

Attorney Fazzone informed the Authority that work has been done on the two buildings included in this project, but economic conditions have not warranted completion of the project. His client is respectfully requesting a one-year extension of the approvals for Final Design and Award of Capacity.

Mr. Perrotti moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority grant a one-year extension of approvals for Final Design and Award of Capacity for the OTR Associates, LLC property at 200 Old Towne Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scannell and carried unanimously.

OPM Map

Attorney Fazzone inquired about the OPM map revisions. He stated that the driving range and ice cream shop on West Main Street will be replaced with a /hot dog stand restaurant type of zoning. He is representing the owners. He stated that the property is in Zone C-3 which is the highest form of commercial zoning allowed in the town of Cheshire. There is a manhole at Mountain Road and West Main Street so Mr. Fazzone requested that the Authority consider that a sewerable zone. He noted that it would be a logical piece of property to be sewerred.

Mr. Pelton informed Mr. Fazzone that the WPCA is in the process of analyzing the new OPM map. Mr. Dievert commented that elevation would be an important factor to consider regarding the property alluded to by Attorney Fazzone.

PROJECTS

WPCD Plant Upgrade Design-Project Update

Mr. Chelton informed the Authority that Kruger personnel are on the site of the plant and are in the de-bugging stage of getting the pilot program up and running. They are in a position to begin the trial of the equipment for ten days. Mr. Dievert commented that the equipment will be started in the morning and shut down in the afternoon.

Mr. Gancarz expressed concern regarding the schedule for the project. He stated that construction has to commence on June 30. Mr. Chelton stated that the project has to be bid by June 30, and he will verify that date. Mr. Gancarz expressed concern that one month is not long enough for DEEP to review the plans. He queried whether the project could go out to bid simultaneously with the DEEP approval. That would give the Authority a little more leeway time wise.

Mr. Chelton stated that the DEEP will issue a letter saying the Authority can go out to bid after they have reviewed the documents. The Authority can ask them if bidding and review by DEEP can be done concurrently as suggested by Mr. Gancarz. It was noted that there have been staff changes at the DEEP and projects are moving along much quicker than previously.

Mr. Chelton stated that AECOM is in regular communication with the DEEP and he will discuss the possibility of bidding the project at the same time documents are being reviewed. Steve Miller, who is now in charge at the DEEP, has a great deal of experience and is moving projects along more quickly and efficiently.

Mr. Gancarz moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approve Invoice #37273523 of AECOM in the amount of \$7,599.64 for work relating to the WPCD Plant Upgrade Design Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scannell and carried unanimously.

West Johnson Pump Station Design Project

Mr. Chelton stated that there is not too much to report regarding this project. Design is advancing and will be completed by the middle of January, 2013.

Mr. Scannell moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approve Invoice #37273738 of AECOM in the amount of \$10,416.00 for work relating to the West Johnson Avenue Pump Station Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gancarz and carried unanimously.

Mr. Chelton informed the Authority that he was in conversation with Mr. Michelangelo before he left regarding funding for design of the project. Apparently when all costs are compiled expenses exceed the appropriation. As a result, the Finance Department has not been able to fund purchase orders for the last 60 days. The Authority has entered into an agreement with AECOM which exceeds the appropriation by approximately \$15,000.

Mr. Chelton stated that one option would be for his firm to reduce their fee and reduce the level of completion and at some point straighten out the situation. There have been additional costs for the project which include the concept report and the design report.

Mr. Pelton inquired as to how the Authority can make AECOM whole. Mr. Dievert agreed to speak with the Town Manager regarding this situation. Mr. Gancarz requested that AECOM submit an amendment to their agreement and Mr. Chelton agreed to submit it at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTMeeting with DEEP

Mr. Dievert, Mr. Chelton and the Mr. Pelton met with representatives of the DEEP regarding comments relating to the NPDES Permit. Discussion related to changing the rolling average from 180 day rolling average to 365 day rolling average, change in E-COLI limits and the start of the timeline's required in the permit. The DEEP did not accept all three of the requests.

Mr. Chelton discussed the rolling average changing. He noted that the plant was re-rated and when the six month rolling average exceeds the permit, the Town has to report to the DEEP and relate why it is happening and how the situation will be corrected. He noted that there are some short timeframes which bring the rolling average up, but would not be a factor if the rolling average was determined over a 12-month period. DEEP was not in agreement with this request.

Mr. Chelton stated that DEEP contends that the once the upgrade of the plant is completed, if the rolling average tops 3.6 it may be determined that there is a problem with I & I and that must be remedied. Something must be done to try to correct the

situation with I & I if it is found to be a problem. Mr. Chelton offered that there is some validity to the argument raised by the DEEP. He has never seen a town be fined for that type of situation occurring. Our response will be that we will look at the next six months carefully.

Disc Filter Performance Test

This was discussed previously, but Mr. Dievert commented that Kruger has been on the site for 1 ½ weeks. The plan is to begin the performance test tomorrow. They ran it today and were happy with the numbers. Mr. Pelton encouraged members to visit the plant to see how it is run and how immaculate the facility is.

Mr. Dievert informed the Authority that the Record Journal is going to come to the plant and will write an article for the paper. He will contact the Cheshire Herald to get some publicity about the plant upgrade in that newspaper as well.

Acting Director of Public Works

Since Mr. Michelangelo has resigned to take another position, and Mr. Noewatne was injured in a motorcycle accident, Mr. Dievert has been appointed Acting Director of Public Works. Mr. Dievert stated that he comes to the treatment plant first thing in the morning, and then goes to the Town Hall to perform duties there. He then returns to the plant until the end of the day unless he is needed elsewhere. He noted that Mr. Scott Hallier is handling some of the work at the plant while Mr. Dievert is performing his public works duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Clean Water Act Grant Money

Mr. Pelton referred to a letter that he sent to Town Manager Milone requesting to re-allocate \$100,000 from the Clean Water Act grant design money that the Town received as part of the plant upgrade feasibility study completed a few years ago. The letter stated that the WPCA would like to apply those funds to the final design element of the treatment plant upgrade.

The estimate to finalize the plant upgrade design is between \$300,000 and \$350,000. The additional \$100,000 will assure that the final design remains on time and on target. Mr. Pelton noted that remaining design funds will hopefully come from the outcome of the referendum which will hopefully pass in November.

Mr. Pelton stated that the agreement with AECOM will have to be amended. Mr. Gancarz inquired as to what percent of completion the \$100,000 will be tied to. He stated that the Authority needs to know where we are going with this design project. There was a discussion relating to AECOM fees and the scope of the work involved. Mr. Chelton reminded the Authority that first the disk filters were a part of the design, then they were

removed and finally they were put back in. There was a great deal of additional design effort related to that situation.

Mr. Chelton stated that the pre-selection process also added additional effort to the project. Mr. Pelton suggested that as the project move forward that the new funding be quantified. Mr. Chelton will present a summary of current design figures; however, he may not have that information for the next meeting. Mr. Chelton requested that the Authority vote to include the additional \$100,000 in the design phase of the project.

Mr. Pelton inquired as to how much the additional \$100,000 gets us closer to the goal line for the project. Mr. Chelton stated that he will find out what the \$100,000 will get and he will tell the Authority how much more money will be needed to get to final design completion.

Mr. Perrotti inquired as to how much construction administration is anticipated to cost. Mr. Chelton stated that he will not know that until February. Mr. Gancarz stated that figures for final design need to be known by October or November. The construction administration phase has to be approved by the DEEP.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting with Town Manager

Mr. Pelton informed the Authority that he met with Town Manager Milone and he agreed to get the education presentation on Access TV. He stated that he gave the presentation to the Chamber of Commerce and it was well received. It has been determined that businesses will pay approximately 2% to 3.2% more in taxes, which is a worst case scenario. Mr. Dievert will keep Mr. Pelton in the loop as things progress.

Mr. Pelton suggested to Mr. Milone that the basis for the sewer use fee be tabled for now due to the lack of personnel at the Public Works Department. That will be reviewed in 2013 once the work at the plant is in progress.

He informed the Authority that litigation with the State of Connecticut regarding their contribution to the use of the sewer plant is continuing. It is estimated that the State owes 1.4 million for underpayment for the prison use of the sewer system. The State is taking the position that the Town cannot sue the State. Litigation is continuing.

Mr. Pelton reported that it may take six months to replace the Director of Public Works. Mr. Pelton has expressed an interest in being involved in the review panel.

WPCA OPM Map Subcommittee

Mr. Kasinkas reported that the subcommittee needs additional information which will require some investigation. He stated that not only has the map been updated, but categories are being shuffled and some definitions have changed. He will present some

results and analysis at the next meeting. The report will be finalized by the November meeting.

WPCA Education Effort

Mr. Gancarz reported that the education effort regarding the upgrade to the treatment plant is progressing. The Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce have heard the presentation and other clubs will follow. Mr. Gancarz will e-mail the presentation to members and they may use it to add to the education effort. So far the subcommittee has had positive feedback.

Mr. Schrumm entered the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

In response to a query from Mr. Kasinskas, Mr. Pelton reviewed the investigation that the Authority has done regarding using water usage as a basis for the sewer use fee. He noted that the necessary information regarding water usage is now available from the RWA. This will be a matter for discussion and/or action in 2013 as there is not currently enough staff to advance this effort.

Chesprocott Summary

Authority members received copies of the Chesprocott report detailing septic system failures and repairs for the month of August. There was nothing of significance to report. In response to a query from Mr. Schrumm, it was determined that there has not been any impact relating to the Town since the financial information regarding Chesprocott was revealed.

In response to a query from Mr. Kasinskas, Mr. Pelton stated that the information received monthly from Chesprocott relating to septic system failures is plotted on a map and used to determine future sewer needs. Mr. Dievert also commented that information regarding areas where code compliant septic systems cannot be installed is also reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pelton moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 10, 2012, as published, subject to correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scannell and carried 5-0-1. Mr. Gancarz abstained.

Mr. Pelton moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of August 22, 2012, as published, subject to correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scannell.

Corrections:

Mr. Kasinskas was in attendance at the meeting.

Page 3, last paragraph should read, "The phosphorous limit is 0.2 mg/l....."
Page 4, paragraph 3, add sentence: *The subcommittee for review of the OPM map consists of Mr. Kasinskas, Mr. Scannell and Mr. Carroll and they will report their findings to the Authority.*

The motion to approve the minutes, as amended, carried 5-0-1. Mr. Gancarz abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Scannell moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority adjourn at 8:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gancarz 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
George Noewatne, Operations Manager
Dennis Dievert, Superintendent [WPCD](#)
Susan Zwick, Recording Secretary

