

Water Pollution Control Authority
May 22, 2013
Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Council Chambers

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

Members Absent: Mr. Matt Bowman
Mr. Mark Kasinkas
Mr. John Perrotti (Vice Chairman)

Others Present: Mr. Dennis Dievert, Superintendent, WPCD
Mr. Donald Chelton, AECOM
Mr. Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer
Mr. David Schrumm, Town Council Liaison (8:05 p.m.)

Chairman Pelton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was not present. Mr. Pelton announced that discussion of agenda items would take place, but no motions would be passed because of the lack of a quorum. 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 communications to come before the Authority

APPLICATIONS

Beachport Housing

Mr. Gancarz reminded the Authority that this application came before the Authority at the last meeting. This application was granted final approval and award of capacity five years ago. Due to financial constraints the project did not go forward at the time, and the applicant did not return to request an extension of time.

Mr. Gancarz stated that the project is the same in scope and size as it was five years ago. He recommends that the Authority grant Final Approval and Award of Capacity again. The applicant has obtained the necessary zoning permits.

Mr. Pelton announced that no action could be taken at this meeting regarding this application due to the lack of a quorum. He informed the applicant that the WPCA would conduct a special meeting to make the necessary approvals so the project can

move forward. He commented that it is the same project and scope as it was when originally approved.

Mr. Bruce Klein, President of the Housing Authority, addressed the Authority. He presented a letter from Ryan G. Scrittorale, E.I.T. stating that this project relates to the renovation of an existing apartment building and the addition of three apartment buildings with associated parking and drives at the corner of West Main St. and Rumberg Road. The proposed sanitary sewer services the three proposed apartment buildings and is piped to the sewer system at Beachport.

Mr. Klein stated that the proposed sewer service will be owned by the Housing Authority up until the point of the connection to the sewer system on Grove Street. There will be no easements required for the sanitary sewer service.

PROJECTS

WPCD Plant Upgrade Design-Project Update

Mr. Chelton informed the Authority that he received some comments from the DEEP regarding the plant upgrade which he addressed. Final plans have been forwarded to the DEEP. From the conversation with the DEEP it has been determined that they are not ready for Cheshire to advertise on May 28th for bids for the plant upgrade project as originally proposed. They have not presented a new date. It will be necessary for them to review the final plans and specs and then to write a formal letter to the town stating that they can go out to bid for the project.

Mr. Chelton offered that it appears that the person at DEEP responsible for the review and approval is overworked; thus the delay. In response from a query from Mr. Pelton, Mr. Chelton stated that there is nothing that the Authority can do at this time to speed up the process.

Mr. Chelton informed the Authority that he is surprised that some items that were previously covered in the grant money for past projects are no longer covered. It appears that in some instances these items may have been misused in the past by other towns. Items include filling fuel tanks, chemicals and other items deemed to be operational costs. The DEEP feels that these are operational costs. Another ineligible item is cleaning the digester because that is an operational item that should be done every five years as a requirement of the permit. After investigation, Mr. Chelton learned that cleaning the digester is not part of the DEEP permit for Cheshire. He will pass that information along to the DEEP.

Mr. Chelton will obtain separate estimates for those items which will not be covered by the grant from the DEEP. In terms of the date of bidding, Mr. Pelton queried whether pushing the bid date out will negatively affect the timetable for the project. Mr. Chelton stated that he is not sure of that, especially since the bid date is not yet known. Mr.

Chelton stated that some items not included in grant funding can be covered by an addendum.

Mr. Pelton informed Mr. Chelton that his invoice could not be approved because of a lack of quorum, but it will be addressed at a special meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

May 22 Wastewater Treatment Appreciation Day

Mr. Dievert informed the Authority that Governor Malloy declared May 22 as Wastewater Treatment Appreciation Day. Celebrations were held at the Town Hall and the Treatment Plant.

Internship

Mr. Dievert announced that the CHS intern, Kyle Wood will be finishing up his internship next week. Kyle received a wide view of the Public Works Department and the Wastewater Treatment plant.

Insurance Claim

Mr. Dievert informed the Authority that the insurance company has denied the claim regarding the truck that caused damage at the treatment plant. The claim is for electrical repairs. The insurance carrier is claiming that the wires were 9 feet off the ground, when in fact they are 16 feet off the ground. The Town Attorney will pursue this.

TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

Permitting Process Update

Mr. Gancarz reported on progress of the permit process. He is reviewing all local permits and is in the process of obtaining a legal opinion regarding the land. Attorney Lord stated that he is awaiting the report and will contact Mr. Gancarz when he receives it. It is necessary to have proof that the Town does own the land and get that information to the DEEP.

I/I Update

Mr. Gancarz informed the Authority that unfortunately while ten locations were monitored as part of the I/I investigation, only ¼ inch of rain fell during the month so there was little data collected.

Water Consumption Billing Update

Mr. Gancarz reported that he received information from the RWA including a year's worth of data about residential customers. He will have a report regarding these findings at the next meeting. Mr. Gancarz noted that Mr. Michelangelo had started this report and was using the number of fixtures in a household as a basis for the water usage charge. Mr. Gancarz pointed out that this information could be flawed, as in the case of a family living in a house with three bathrooms and six occupants. Once three of the children moved out, there would be still the same number of fixtures, but less water usage.

Mr. Gancarz favors looking at flows—possibly by dollars per gallon which seems to be the most accurate. It will be necessary to determine fixed costs of the plant as part of the charge. The incremental costs are directly related to the amount of flow.

Mr. Gancarz has been in touch with representatives of other towns, specifically Meriden, Southington and Wallingford to look at the process they use. They all have a variation as to how they determine water costs. No system is perfect. He will do further investigation and report back at the next monthly meeting.

Status of CCI Back Bill

Town Manager Milone has been in contact with the Department of Correction Commissioner and further discourse is taking place.

Waterbury Agreement

Mr. Gancarz referred to Intermunicipal Agreements that the town has with the city of Waterbury regarding sewer flows into Waterbury. The agreement must be renewed and Mr. Gancarz does not see any reason not to continue with the current agreement.

Revised/Consolidated WPCA application forms

Mr. Gancarz is trying to look into the application form process, possibly to try to make it more streamlined. He is looking at P & Z permits as well. Mr. Gancarz would like to have the applications and perhaps the payment process on line so it would be easier for applicants. The current process has a lot of redundancy. Perhaps Final Approval and Award of Capacity could be one approval rather than two.

Mr. Gancarz is also reviewing the Developer's Agreement to see how it could be revised. Mr. Pelton thanked Mr. Gancarz for trying to help the Authority operate in a more efficient manner. Mr. Pelton requested that Mr. Gancarz investigate current charges for discharge.

Mr. Scanlon commented that he would also like to see the Authority streamline the motion approval process, perhaps to make it more standardized. Mr. Pelton will work with Mr. Gancarz on this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Planned Residential Infill Development

Mr. Milone of Milone and McBroom addressed the Authority informally regarding a new regulation that would allow an alternate special permit to promote mixed use of property, specifically in the center of Town. This would be limited to R-20A parcels along Route 10 between North Brooksvale Road and Maple Avenue. This amendment would permit smaller, planned, infill residential development as an alternative Special Permit Use.

Mr. Schrumm entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Milone stated that this would relate to small projects, perhaps 6-14 units. This would be the only way that planned residential units could be built on larger sites. This would be in keeping with the Town's Facilities Plan and would not be a more lucrative use. Regarding sewer use, it would be very similar to what is currently allowed.

Mr. Milone is asking the Authority to consider his presentation. The Planning & Zoning Commission asked him to make this informal presentation to the WPCA to obtain feedback.

Mr. Gancarz commented that he has been in contact with the Town Planner and these are all in a sewer area and consistent with Planning & Zoning. He is concerned about the scope of this in terms of how far could this go. Mr. Gancarz also commented that it would be necessary to take a look at the flows. He noted that it would be good use of the existing infrastructure. It would be the same flows—just a different use.

Mr. Milone commented that it is not intended that this Special Permit replace the existing use. It would probably relate to an acre of property that is not currently in use. It would be a desirable use for those who wish to live close to the center of town. There would be a lot of positives for Route 10. From the standpoint of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, it seems to be a break even use.

CAWPCA Meeting/CT WARN

Mr. Pelton informed the Authority that he attended a CAWPCA meeting where he learned about a program called CT Warn which comes into play during hurricanes and other weather related disasters. Towns contribute to a database of equipment that they can share with other towns when necessary. There is no charge for Cheshire to join, and Mr. Pelton opined that it is a win win situation for all those who join.

Mr. Dievert will look into the particulars of how to join and what is necessary to be a part of this group. The town would generate an inventory for others to use when necessary.

Meetings with Legislators

Mr. Pelton commented that it would be productive for the WPCA to schedule regular meetings with legislators to showcase what the town is doing regarding the upgrade to the treatment plant. Perhaps twice a year would be productive.

OLD BUSINESSChesprocott Summary

Authority members received copies of the monthly report from Chesprocott detailing septic system failures and repairs for the month of April. Mr. Dievert noting nothing of significance in the report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was not possible to approve the minutes due to a lack of quorum at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gancarz informed the Authority that he is in the process of getting the GIS map put together. He is working on this at a test site. At this time all of the Mylar and as built drawings have been scanned and all maps will now be on the GIS. He noted the importance of having this backup in case anything happened to the original drawings.

Mr. Pelton commented on discussions which have recently taken place regarding development in the north end of town. He noted the importance of closely monitoring this development, specifically the flows into the sewer system.

Mr. Chelton commented that there are allowances in the Facilities Plan for 1,000 g.p.d for that site. It was noted that design has been complete for the West Johnson Avenue Pump station should this development come to fruition.

ADJOURNMENT

The WPCA adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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
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Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer
Dennis Dievert, Superintendent [WPCD](#)
Susan Zwick, Recording Secretary

