Chairman Attwood called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum determined. Mr. Attwood explained to the audience how to exit the building in the event of an emergency, in compliance with the Fire Marshal’s order.

Mr. Attwood explained that the purpose of the meeting is to review the responses/bids and the plans with regards to the extension of the Cheshire public water sewer system.

Mr. Michelangelo explained the project was bid on June 4, 2010 and opened on June 22, 2010. Subject was briefly mentioned at the June WPCA meeting. The plans were also discussed at July 28, 2010 meeting. Mark Witek came in the following day and mentioned some of the items which included: converting the 8 inch PVC to a 10 inch ductile iron pipe. Also, converting one manhole to a drop manhole. There were also questions on how we physically build that manhole that shallow. I subsequently went over everything with Baltazar informally. Baltazar is anxious to begin and all the items/changes discussed are basically a wash. The ductile iron trades off for the lack of encasement, and bottom line stays approximately the same. Not included during conversation with Baltazar was extra insulation on the pipe. Ductile iron is available pre-insulated. Price of installation should be the same. Baltazar gave a verbal of what he would charge and it balances out. The price per linear foot between the 10 inch ductile and 10 inch ductile insulated should be the only difference.

Mr. Witek cautioned the insulation itself may be a flexible material and could condense and with only 2 feet of cover over it - we might want to use vermiculite around it.
Mr. Attwood asked if we know how much the number will shift plus or minus. Mr. Michelangelo indicated the total length of pipe is approximately 400 feet and at $5.00 more per foot - it would cost an extra $2,000. Baltazar is currently doing a job in Southington and upon completion would come to Cheshire.

Mr. Attwood questioned the difference in price between the low bidder and the others. Mr. Michelangelo indicated he discussed it with Derek Werner, an attorney with the Town’s law firm Murtha Cullina. Unbalanced bids can be a concern in construction projects. However, Attorney Werner reviewed all the bids and does not see a reason to disqualify Baltazar.

Discussion continued about large price differences between bidders. Mr. Witek mentioned the bid has process aggregate base and Baltazar is real high in that area. Others concur. Mr. Witek continues that process limits should be well defined and if paying by ton or doing a conversion - $75,000 is double what would be expected. Discussion continued that bidders put profit in different areas of bid, i.e., pipe, trenching, or patch - but most contractors put profit where there is least risk and the money is up front. Baltazar was lower on the sanitary manhole - as he probably looked at the plans - while others might have used the standard book price.

Mr. Pelton questioned if the bid is accepted - how will cost be tracked and expressed concern that low bidder might come back saying they bid pennies but actual costs are now big dollars. Mr. Michelangelo stated that both parties are bound to unit prices and measured quantities. Upon question, Mr. Michelangelo stated that Baltazar originates from Ludlow, MA but does a lot of work in Connecticut. They have done work for MDC and Town of Cheshire has worked with Baltazar before. Previous experience included problems with rock and settlement on Wolf Hill Road and Glenbrook. However, it was not really Baltazar’s fault -- it was paved too quickly - in hind sight - it should have been put off five or six months so that it could settle properly. The contractor should be advised that the commission members will monitor road conditions and control the budget.

Mr. Attwood questioned if $291,756 is the number or not to exceed $294,000? Mr. Michelangelo stated that these are unit based contracts and whatever the quantity is what we pay. Mr. Attwood asked Mr. Michelangelo if he is comfortable with the contract/price and Mr. Michelangelo answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Michelangelo adds that permanent paving is not part of the contract but that the Town has been successful in overlaying pavement using Garrity to mill and Tilcon to pave in accordance with the State bid.

Mr. Pelton makes a motion to award the contract to Baltazar for the amount of $291,756. Mr. Michelangelo is asked to read the contract into the record. Mr. Michelangelo stated that it is the Sanitary Sewer Extension Contract 0910-22 on Riverside, Oxford, Country Club Road, Applewood Road and Bridgets Lane.
Mr. Scannell seconded the motion.

All commission members in attendance voted FOR the motion. NONE were opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pelton moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority adjourn at 6:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scannell and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John Attwood, Chairman
Water Pollution Control Authority

Attest:

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