

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

PRESENT: William Brennan, Al Stauderman, Eric Fanwick, Andy McNee
Don Grunewald, Rich Tomasetti,

OTHERS: Christopher Swan, Northeast Utilities; Lissette Andino, Northeast Utilities; Ed Schenkel, Gregory & Adams; Tom Thurkettle, Director DPW; Sandy Dennies, CFO; Mike Ahern, Field Engineer

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brennan called the Regular Meeting to order at 5 PM.

2. Approve Minutes to Meeting of November 14, 2012.

Mr. Brennan made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for the November 14, 2012 Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. CL&P Comments on the Burial of Power Lines

Chris Swan, Director of Municipal Relations and Siting, Northeast Utilities, explained to the Members of the WPCA why it would not be feasible to bury utilities lines during the installation of the new sewer line along Wolfpit Road. He said that burying lines during this type of project requires long range planning, at least three to four years in advance of the project start date. He added that the funding needs to be available and that it costs approximately one million dollars a mile to bury the lines. He continued, by pointing out that there has to be total agreement and commitment with all the customers effected to have the lines buried, since they will be required to pay for burying and connecting the lines from the main line in the road to their homes and will have to hire an electrical contractor to do so. He gave Mr. Brennan a Study by the Edison Electric Institute on the Undergrounding of Overhead Power Lines to distribute to the Members of the Authority.

Mr. Swan said that the undergrounding of utility lines is being done more in other parts of the State, in areas that are open, where there are new developments going in - as opposed to older established areas that have overhead power lines.

When asked about the costs for undergrounding vs. overhead power lines, Mr. Swan said that undergrounding is 6 to 15 times more expensive than the cost of overhead lines.

Mr. Swan answered questions from the Members and a brief discussion ensued, after that Mr. Brennan and the Members thanked Mr. Swan for coming to the meeting, making a presentation and addressing their questions. Mr. Swan left the meeting.

4. Wolfpit Road Sewer Project Update

Mr. Ahern handed out a map to the Members and attendees, illustrating the work that had been done on the Wolfpit Road sewer as of December 11, 2012. Mr. Thurkettle said that 54% of the sewer line has been completed. The contractors are making very good progress and completion is expected this May as scheduled.

5. Discuss Special Benefit Assessment on the Sisters of Notre Dame property

Mr. Brennan asked the Members if they had received the Appraisal and Summary Report on the School Sisters of Notre Dame Facility completed by Chris Kerin of Kerin & Fazio, LLC. The Members said that they had. Mr. Brennan said that he wanted to postpone the discussion on this subject until the next WPCA meeting in January, since Mr. Kerin wasn't able to make the meeting but would be available in January, to review the Appraisal with the Members and answer any questions.

6. FOG Program Update

Mr. Ahern said that there hadn't been any change this month in the FOG Program, 91% of the establishments are registered and 70% are in compliance.

7. Other Business

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariana Corrado
Recording Secretary