

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B
WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2010**

PRESENT: William Brennan, James Newton, Al Stauderman
Eric Fanwick,

ABSENT: Richard Tomasetti, Andy Kingman

OTHERS: Tom Thurkettle, (Director of DPW), Barbara Schellenberg (Cohen & Wolf), Jonathan Bowman, (Cohen & Wolf), Sandy Dennies, (CFO), Mike Ahern, (Field Engineer, DPW)

Call to Order

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A MOTION was made by Mr. Stauderman, to approve the minutes of the 4/14/10 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Fanwick and carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on June 9, 2010

A MOTION was made by Chairman Brennan and seconded by Mr. Stauderman and carried unanimously to hold a Public Hearing on June 9, 2010 at 4:45 PM – 15 minutes prior to the regular meeting - in Meeting Room B of the Town Hall to approve user charges and the budget for FY'11.

Amended Agenda

A MOTION was made by Chairman Brennan and seconded by Mr. Stauderman and carried unanimously to amend the Agenda to include a WPCA Budget Review by CFO, Sandy Dennies.

Budget Review

Ms. Dennies said that she wanted to review the WPCA budget with the members of the Committee prior to establishing the user fees. She said that there were a couple of areas that she felt they needed to address.

She said that the interest income is severely less than that what was budgeted for last year. Last year they budgeted \$13,000 and they have only seen \$2,400 in interest. Using the rate they are getting currently, \$2,700 was projected which is nearly \$10,000 less than what they had budgeted last year for interest income.

She referred to other revenues that needed to be addressed and showed how the expenditures had increased over last year. While most of the items in the budget expenses remained the same she said that she and Mr. Brennan and Mr. Thurkettle had decided to increase the Legal fees from \$10,000 to \$20,000 due to expected costs associated with a new Interlocal Agreement with Norwalk and plans for an additional sewer extension.

Ms. Dennies went on to say that in December, Wilton paid Norwalk \$387,973 based on projected annual usage. The actual charges were \$351,249 which means that Wilton overpaid and has a credit of \$36,724. The members wanted to know why there was such a substantial increase in sewage treatment charges?

Chairman Brennan suggested going back to Norwalk to be certain that the numbers were correct and to go back and look at the last five years to see the history and trends and do more research before establishing the user charges. He suggested that they have a Special Meeting the following week to review the information that Mr. Thurkettle and Ms. Dennies would provide and then determine the user charges.

Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Thurkettle said that there were two issues left that needed to be resolved. The most important one is that Norwalk wants to charge Wilton when someone in Town connects to the sewer line. He said that he thought that if there is a problem with the interceptor line that runs down to the plant that Wilton would be willing to pay their fair share based on the flow.

Chairman Brennan said that he was concerned because Wilton charges people when they connect to the sewer line but if they were to pay Norwalk then they would be a paying twice since Wilton is already paying for this charge through the flow rates. He added that he didn't feel these charges were justifiable.

The other issue is that there are two houses that are in Wilton but are connected in Norwalk and Wilton feels it should remain unchanged.

Other Business

Mr. Thurkettle introduced Mike Ahern, Town Engineer, to the members of the WPCA Committee. There was no further business.

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Mr. Stauderman and seconded by Mr. Newton and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM and enter into Executive Session and invite Tom Thurkettle, Mike Ahern, Jonathan Bowman (Cohen & Wolf), Barbara Schellenberg, (Cohen & Wolf) and Sandy Dennies at 6:10 PM to discuss legal negotiations regarding 20 Westport Road. At this time the recording secretary left the room.

Executive Session

The meeting came out of Executive Session at 6:10 PM and the following action was taken.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Stauderman to approve the settlement agreement with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brennan and carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Mariana Corrado
Recording Secretary