

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2012

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

OTHERS: Sandy Dennies, CFO; Tom Thurkettle, Director of Public Works; Mike Ahern, Field Engineer; Barbara Schellenberg, (Cohen & Wolf); Matt Mason (Gregory & Adams); Chris Kerin (Kerin & Fazio); Jonathan Bowman, (Cohen & Wolf);

1. Public Hearing

Chairman William Brennan called the public hearing to order at 5:05 p.m. to hear public comment on the Amendments to the WPCA Regulations.

Hearing no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 5:10 p.m.

2. Special Meeting

Chairman Brennan called the Special Meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

- **Approve the Amendments to the WPCA Regulations.**
Chairman Brennan asked for a motion to approve the Amendments to the WPCA Regulations consistent with the proposed changes to the Regulations that were discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Grunewald made a motion to approve the Amendments which was seconded by Mr. Fanwick. The vote carried unanimously.
- **Update on the Assessments – Sandy Dennies**
Ms. Dennies said in the past year, while they have been going through changes to the [WPCA] Regulations, they have postponed doing the assessment on a couple of properties that had been completed during that period. She said that Chris Kerin has been hired by the Town to do assessments on 40, 60, and 116 Danbury Road (which is Avalon Apartments). She added that it was her understanding that she would be receiving those assessments next week and then she would get together with the Department of Public Works and do the calculations to determine what those assessments will be. She passed out a document showing the process for doing an assessment which is in accordance with State laws and how it has been done in the past. She said they will have a public hearing on the assessments and will notify the property owners of the assessment that is calculated, and the notice of the public hearing. At the public hearing, only the property owners will be allowed to speak to the assessment that they have been provided. Once the public hearing is closed, the WPCA Members will act on determining the length of time

for the assessment to be paid. She said that they will be presenting the assessment information at the next WPCA meeting in April so that the public hearing date can be determined.

A brief discussion ensued on the length of the assessment and the interest rate.

- **Miller Driscoll School Update – Tom Thurkettle**

Mr. Thurkettle showed drawings of the new sewer line and suggested having an information meeting at the next WPCA meeting in April for residents that will be effected by the installation of the sewer. They plan on sending out letters to residents that are on and adjacent to the sewer. At the information meeting they will have a list of the proposed assessments based upon property values as of April 11th. He said that they had proposed installing the sewer on the west side of Horseshoe Road and asked the Members if they thought the residents on the east side of Horseshoe Road should be included in the information meeting. The consensus was that they should.

Mr. Thurkettle added they are proposing the addition of two 4” conduits for fiber optic cables to one side of the sewer trench to be put in at the same time as the sewer line. There would be a separate estimate, so that the cost would be separate from the sewer project, and a separate fund would pay for it.

Mr. Tomasetti asked how much it would cost to connect an east side sewer line along with the west side line on Horseshoe Road. Mr. Thurkettle said it would be less expensive to do it now then to add it later. Chairman Brennan asked Mr. Thurkettle to get an estimated cost for the additional line prior to the next meeting.

- **Fog Program Registration Update – Mike Ahern**

Mr. Ahern said that another letter was sent to the 15 facilities that had not yet responded, resulting in a response from 7 out of the 15. For this month 65% have registered and 57% are compliant.

- **Other Business**

Ms. Dennies said that she will be working on the budget for next year. She will present the budget to the WPCA hopefully at the next meeting with some recommendations. Her biggest challenge is to get the proposed budget from Norwalk because that will drive the user fees.

Mr. Ahern said that there are two new sanitary flow meters that were installed recently at the Wilton/Norwalk Town line.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariana Corrado
Recording Secretary