

# MEETING OF THE SPRAGUE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Date: August 19, 2015  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Place: Sprague Town Hall  
Present: Dennison Allen, Tom Hannon, Jack Malone, Catherine Osten, First  
Selectman  
Absent: Todd Hastings

## **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:29 p.m. by Dennison Allen, Chairman.

## **Minutes and Disbursements:**

Jack Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2015 meeting and the disbursements for July in the amount of \$43,074.79. This motion was seconded by Tom Hannon. A vote was called and the motion was passed by all members voting in favor.

## **Wright Pierce:**

Christine Kurtz was not present but sent an email with the following information and requests that were discussed.

- 1 - Norm Is all set with the SY WQ report....
- 2 - Have you heard from Rich Cody or has he heard back from Norwich Lawyer?
- 3 - Is Cathy going to get USDA funding for Norwich study?

Discussion followed.

## **Discuss and possibly act to appoint two (2) members to Southeast Ct Water Authority Board:**

Dennison addressed the board members and told them that he needed to send a letter of request to have two (2) people appointed to the Southeast Water Authority Board to the First Selectman. He said that he would like to be reappointed and asked Jack Malone if he would like to be reappointed and he agreed.

Tom Hannon made a motion to recommend that Dennison Allen and Jack Malone be re-appointed to the Southeast Water Authority Board and send a letter to the First Selectman indicating the same. This motion was seconded by Jack Malone. A vote was called and the motion passed by all voting in favor.

**Discuss and possibly act on paying bill from James Benjamin for repair to broken sewer line during DOT bridge project:**

Dennison spoke to the board informing them of the meeting that he attended with the State DOT and their contractor Mattern Construction and the First Selectman, Cathy Osten regarding the bill from James Benjamin to fix the sewer break that happened during the DOT Bridge project. The members expressed their displeasure with the outcome of this meeting but agreed that it was a learning experience and one that we would not succumb to in the future.

Jack Malone made a motion that the Sprague Water & Sewer Authority pay the remaining amount of \$5,600.00 of the bill of James Benjamin for the repair of the sewer line break during the DOT's bridge project to be added to the \$1,400.00 from the Town of Sprague and the \$1,000.00 from the State of Connecticut DOT and \$1,000.00 from Mattern Construction and make a check out to Mr. Benjamin for the combined amount. This motion was seconded by Tom Hannon. Discussion followed.

Jack Malone asked to amend his motion to include a thank you to the Town of Sprague for their efforts and contribution to resolve this issue. This was seconded by Tom Hannon. A vote was called and the motion passed by all members voting in favor.

**Discuss and possibly act on letter from William Idarola requesting appointment to Water & Sewer Authority board:**

The board reviewed the letter from Mr. William Idarola requesting to be appointed to the board and discussion followed. Kathleen told the board that she had called Mr. Idarola and asked him to attend the meeting but he was going to be out of town and unable to attend.

Dennison made a motion to send a letter to the First Selectman requesting that Mr. Idarola be appointed to the Sprague Water & Sewer Authority board. This motion was seconded by Jack Malone. A vote was called and the motion passed by all members voting in favor.

**First Selectman report:**

Cathy Osten spoke to the board members on the PPG (pre planning grant). The three studies that were outstanding have been completed. Discussion on what project this will lead to. Cathy said that the cost benefit analysis needs to be completed and will be vital in giving the board the necessary information for the board to make a decision regarding

the regionalization of the sewer and water going to Norwich.

**Status Report from Todd Hastings:**

Todd was not present but sent a report which follows:

Pump Station #1

The pump that was sent out for repair came back from the manufacturer and they said that they found nothing wrong with it. We put it back in and wired it and it is running and not tripping out or overheating anymore. They did not charge for this.

We received an email from Sandra Weiss from the Municipal Facilities, Planning & Standards Division from the Ct. DEEP asking for maps of our entire systems for Versailles, Baltic and Hanover sewer. I have been digitally mapping the systems and am almost done and have informed her that I am almost done and will send to her upon completion.

Tom Hannon made a motion to add an item to the agenda regarding the back up water plan. This motion was seconded by Jack Malone. All members voted in favor.

A discussion was held on the back up water plan and whether or not to use the reservoir for this or go to Norwich for the back up source. Wright Pierce needs to do an evaluation of cost to utilize the reservoir as our back up source or tie into Norwich and what the expense would be. Tom Hannon asked what route they would take if we were to tie into Norwich? Cathy said that no route has been decided to date. More discussion

Tom Hannon made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to apply for a PPG grant to have Wright Pierce do a cost benefit analysis on both the water and sewer. This motion was seconded by Jack Malone. A vote was called and the motion passed by all in favor.

**Review bills for payment:**

A copy of the Check Detail was given to all the board members that detailed all the checks that have been written out since our July meeting. The board members reviewed the list. Any questions were answered.

**Review past due accounts:**

A report was handed out to all board members. The amount of accounts past due is \$28,549.22 of that amount \$2,586.09 is with Attorney Lloyd Langhammer, \$3,033.17 of that amount currently has payment plans in place. Accounts totaling \$2,937.24 are pending either shut off or foreclosure procedures. Payments received total \$ 499.03 since this was printed.

Versailles past due accounts total is \$3,718.13 and payment plan is in place for \$574.40 and \$836.96 is with Attorney Lloyd Langhammer pending foreclosure.

**Any other business to come before said meeting:**

Jack Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Tom Hannon. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.