

MEETING OF THE SPRAGUE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Date: January 16, 2013
Time: 4:00 PM
Place: Sprague Town Hall
Present: Tom Hannon, Dennison Allen, Todd Hastings, David Trainor, Christine Kurtz from Wright Pierce, Manny Meneses, Robert Noon, Catherine Osten, First Selectman
Absent: none

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Tom Hannon.

Minutes and Disbursements:

Dennison Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19, 2012 and the disbursements for December in the amount of \$15,629.74. This motion was seconded by Manny Meneses. A vote was called and the motion passed by all members voting in favor.

Election of officers and appoint new signer for checks:

Tom Hannon nominated Dennison Allen as Chairman. A call was made for any other nominations. None were made. A vote was called and the Dennison Allen was elected Chairman by a two thirds vote.

Dennison Allen nominated Tom Hannon as Secretary-Treasurer. A call was made for any other nominations. None were made. A vote was called and Tom Hannon was elected Secretary Treasurer by a two thirds vote.

Dennison Allen will now be a signer on checks.

First Selectman's Report:

Cathy Osten spoke to the board about the Regulation Supplements that needs to be voted into policy. Dennison Allen told Cathy that it is on the agenda and we will address it when we get to that item. Cathy explained the urgency of this being done.

Cathy said that she had spoken to Lee Rogers from DEEP and said that he urged us to move the Hanover Pump Station rehabilitation project along and that it must be completed by the end of next year. She indicated that there is a lot of work left to be done. The contract is still pending approval at Wright Pierce.

A discussion followed on getting a portable generator for the Hanover Pump Station. Cathy indicated that she can get money that will cover partial costs but she needs Todd to get her pertinent information in order for us to apply for this money. Todd will get this information to her tomorrow.

A discussion was held on the DOT project on the bridge on West Main Street and what it might cost the Water and Sewer Authority. Cathy indicated that the engineers report is not completed to date and that it will need to be done before she can get us any figures.

Cathy told the board that she has received two letters from individuals that are interested in joining the Authority board and has forwarded them to Kathleen.

A discussion was held on all the projects in the works and she updated the board on her recent meeting with Fusion regarding the possibility of putting a sewer treatment plant at their plant site.

Wright Pierce:

Christine gave the board an update on the Pump Station #1 project and Bob Noon, Clerk of the works on the project also updated the board on what has been completed and what is ongoing. The next construction meeting will be February 6, 2013.

A discussion on the DOT Bridge project ensued.

Discuss and possibly act on amending the sewer regulations to include updates per DEEP:

The board had been sent prior to the meeting a copy of the following Regulation Supplements that needs to be voted into policy and they have reviewed them.

REGULATION SUPPLEMENTS SPRAGUE WATER POLLUTION AND CONTROL AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-247, the Town of Sprague Water Pollution Control Authority hereby adopts the following regulations, for the use of the public and private sewers, which are designed to, and following the adoption of these hereafter do, supplement sections of the existing standards for the sewer system, established in 1972, as follows:

- a. Supplement Article IV; Add Section 1A to Read: Any person proposing a new discharge into the public sewer system or a substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants that are being discharged into the public sewer system shall notify the Superintendent at least 45 days prior to the proposed change or connection.

- b. Supplement Article IV; Add Section 1B to Read: Any person proposing to extend the public sewer shall, in addition to the provisions of this section, file the plan or design of the same with the Commissioner in accordance with Section 22a-416 of the Connecticut General Statutes. No such extension shall be constructed until the plan for the same has been approved by the Commissioner.
- c. Supplement Article IV; Add Section 1D to Read: A connection to the public sewer will be made only after the building's plumbing has been approved by the City Building Inspector in order to ensure that minimum standards are met for the installation. All plumbing shall be in good working order. No trench containing a building drain or connection to the sanitary sewer shall be backfilled until the Superintendent or his designated representative has completed an inspection of and approved the work. The water level in the trench shall be maintained at a level below the sewer connection before the cap is removed and while the connection is being made and until such time as it has been inspected, approved and backfilled. The contractor shall notify the Engineering Department 48 hours before starting any work authorized under this permit.
- d. Supplement Article IV; Add Section 1E to Read: Permits to connect to the public sewer may be denied or annulled by the Superintendent for such cause and at such time as he may deem sufficient. No permit to connect to the public sewer shall be issued unless capacity exists to accommodate the additional discharge. The Town of Sprague shall be held harmless as a consequence of said denial or revocation or cause thereof. All other parties in interest shall be deemed to have waived the right to claim damages from the Town of Sprague, its agents, servants or employees on account of such revocation.
- e. Supplement Article IV; Add Section 12 to Read: No building sewer shall be constructed within 25 feet of a water supply well. If a building sewer is constructed within 25 to 75 feet of a water supply well, it shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable guidelines promulgated by the Commissioner.
- f. Supplement Article V, Sec 4: Add part k to read:

Sewage with a concentration of pollutants in excess of the following limits:

Pollutant	Concentration: parts/million (mg/l)
Arsenic as As	0.05
Barium as Ba	5.0
Boron as B	5.0
Cyanides as CN (amendable)	0.1
Flouride as F	20
Chromium (Total)	1.0
Chromium (Cr +6)	0.1
Magnesium as Mg	100
Manganese as Mn	5.0
Copper as Cu	1.0
Zinc as Zn	1.0
Cadmium	0.1
Lead	0.1
Tin	2.0
Silver	0.1
Mercury	0.01
Nickel	1.0

Note: All metals are to be measured as total metals.

- g. Supplement Article V; Add Section 5A to Read: In accordance with Section 25-54i of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, a permit from the Commissioner of Environmental Protection is required prior to the initiation of discharge of any of the following wastewaters to a public sewer:
- (a) Industrial wastewater of any quantity.
 - (b) Domestic sewage in excess of 5,000 gallons per day through any individual building sewer to a public sewer.
- A potential discharger must submit a permit application to the Department of Environmental Protection not later than 90 days prior to the anticipated date of initiation of the proposed discharge.
- h. Supplement Article V; Add Section 11 to Read: All industries discharging into a public sewer shall perform such monitoring of their discharge as required by the Commissioner in any state discharge permit issued pursuant to Section 25-54i of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended [76], including but not limited to installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment, keeping records and reporting the results to the

Commissioner. Such records shall be made available upon request of the Commissioner or the Superintendent.

- i. Supplement Article V; Add Section 12 to Read: Upon the promulgation of the federal categorical pretreatment standard for a particular industrial subcategory, the federal standard, if more stringent than limitations imposed under this article for sources in that subcategory, shall supersede the limitations imposed under this article.
- j. Supplement Article V; Add Section 13 to Read: No user shall increase the use of process water in an attempt to dilute a discharge as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the limitations contained in the federal categorical pretreatment standards or in any specific pollutant limitations which may be developed by the Commissioner.
- k. Supplement Article V; Add Section 14 to Read: Each user shall provide protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other substances regulated by this article. Facilities to prevent accidental discharge or prohibited materials shall be provided and maintained at the owner's or user's own cost and expense. The Commissioner may require that plans showing facilities and operating procedures be submitted for review and approval prior to construction of the facilities.
- l. Supplement Article V; Add Section 15 to Read: Within five days following an accidental discharge, the user shall submit to the Superintendent and the Commissioner a detailed written report describing the cause of the discharge and the measures to be taken by the user to prevent similar future occurrences. Such notification shall not relieve the user of any expense, loss, damage or other liability which may be incurred as a result of damage to the WPCF, fishkills, aquatic plants or any other damage to persons or property, nor shall such notification relieve the user of any fines, civil penalties or other liability which may be imposed by this article or other applicable law.
- m. Supplement Article V; Add Section 16 to Read: A notice shall be permanently posted on the user's bulletin board or other prominent

place advising employees whom to call in the event of a dangerous discharge. Employers shall ensure that all employees are advised of the emergency notification procedure.

Dennison Allen made a motion to accept these Regulation Supplements as policy and add them to our Sewer Regulations. This motion was seconded by Manny Meneses. A vote was called and the motion passed by all voting in favor.

Discuss and possibly act on letter from Todd LaPointe.

Kathleen told the board members that she received another letter that she would like to have the members review along with Mr. LaPointes. The letters from Todd LaPointe and Cecil Dekle requesting to be considered to fill the vacancy on the Sprague Water & Sewer Authority Board were passed out and reviewed. The board asked that we invite these two individuals to our next meeting, February 20, 2013 and speak with them regarding their interest.

Status Report from Todd Hastings:

Todd informed the board members that the reservoir has been drained down and Tony Vanna from Wright Pierce came down and together they inspected the dam structure for weaknesses. They found a couple of spots and marked them and will call NEI to let them know that they need to come out to fix these areas.

Communication between departments and employees:

Dennison asked that we discuss this item in executive session after we finish up the other items on the agenda.

Education:

Dennison asked that we discuss this item in executive session after we finish up the other items on the agenda.

Discuss and possible act on Capitol projects to bring to Board of Finance meeting:

A discussion followed on what we are going to ask for at the Board of Finance Meeting on Thursday. After much discussion it was decided that we would ask for \$50,000. for capitol projects on the water side.

Review bills for payment:

The board reviewed a list of the bills that have been paid since our last meeting. Discussion followed.

Review past due accounts:

Kathleen handed out a copy of the past due reports for the Baltic Hanover customers as well as the Versailles Customer and explained to the board members where she is in handling the past due accounts. Discussion followed.

Dennison Allen made a motion to go into executive session with Kathleen Kocon, Todd Hastings and David Trainor staying with the board members. Manny Meneses seconded this motion and they went into executive session at 5:25 p.m.

They came out of executive session at 5:50 p.m.

Any other business to come before said meeting:

Dennison Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Manny Meneses. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.