

MEETING OF THE SPRAGUE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Date: December 19, 2012
Time: 4:00 PM
Place: Sprague Town Hall
Present: Walter Treat, Tom Hannon, Richard Douville, 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 November 14, 2012 and the disbursements for November in the amount of \$27,994.76. This motion was seconded by Richard Douville. A vote was called and the motion passed by all members voting in favor.

First Selectman's Report:

The First Selectman was not present at this time but arrived later. Cathy informed the board members that she has meeting scheduled with Fusion on the 27th to discuss the feasibility of joining forces on sewer services and treatment plant. Cathy told the board that she has spoken to the state and feels that we have three options.

- 1.) tie into the Norwich System
- 2.) build our own treatment plant cost to be approximately \$10 million
- 3.) Join Forces with Cascades/Fusion and build plant on their land since they have a lot of the requirements already in place and upgrade to enable the additional flows.

Cathy said that she has had discussions with the state DEEP and thinks that we may be able to get possible funding. Discussion followed. Wright Pierce is checking Fusion facts.

Cathy would like the Capitol plan put together for the January meeting.

Wright Pierce:

Christine Kurtz gave the board members an update on the projects that they are working on. She showed the board members a log of all the shop drawings for Pump Station #1 which gave the status of each. Discussion followed. She informed the board members

that the next construction meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2013 at 1:00p.m. at the Town Hall. Bob Noon, Clerk of the works on the project added information on the project status and schedule of what is coming up.

Christine told the board members that the notice of award letter was sent out to VMS Construction Co. for the sewer system rehabilitation project last week. They have fifteen (15) days to get the activities in place. A discussion followed on a letter that was sent to the Authority in 1981 from DEP regarding our sewer ordinance and suggestions of additions that should be added. Tony Vanna has put some changes together to add to our current sewer ordinance to address these suggestions and has sent it to Joseph Higgans at the DEEP to see if they will cover what they perceive as deficiencies in our existing ordinance. They will be reviewed and sent to the town attorney for his review. Cathy informed Christine that changing an ordinance is not a quick thing to accomplish. More discussion followed.

Christine handed out draft copies of Pumping Station No. 2 and Hanover Force Main Upgrade Project Revised Preliminary Engineering Report and asked that someone review it before they submit it to DEEP. Discussion followed and it was decided that Todd would review it and get back to Christine. Cathy Osten told the board members that we are only going to do the Pump Station in Hanover and not the Force Main at this time. She anticipates being able to get grants to cover the costs this way and the Authority will not have to raise rates or deplete reserves to cover the expenses.

Discussion followed on buying a generator for Pump Station #2. The grant writer can possibly get funds via a grant to cover the cost.

Water Supply Plan is at the State for its approval and Cathy has been successful in getting them to move it to the top of the pile and we should hear something soon.

There was discussion on the inspection for the dam at the reservoir and the need to drain it down for this inspection. This needs to be done while the work that was done on the repairs is still under warranty.

Discuss and possibly act on P & H Septic bill for Hanover pumping of station during power outage:

A bill from P & H Septic was handed out to the board members for pumping the lift station at Station #2 during a power outage. Todd explained the situation to the board members. Discussion followed.

Dennison Allen made a motion to pay the bill from P & H Septic Service, LLC and send a copy to CL& P to have them reimburse us for these costs. This motion was seconded by Manny Meneses. A vote was called and the motion passed by all voting in favor.

Status Report from Todd Hastings:

Todd informed the board members that he has cut and capped the sewer and water lines at 23 West Main Street where the building was demolished.

Todd was called that one of the grinder pumps in Versailles was backing up in the owners residence. Todd went down and pulled the pump and cleaned it out and it seems to be working okay.

Todd informed the board that he mistakenly gave David Trainor one week of vacation when he had not earned it as yet. Discussion followed.

Discuss and possibly act on Todd's vacation time not used:

Todd will be able to use his remaining vacation before the year ends.

Review bills for payment:

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

Any other business to come before said meeting:

Kathleen passed out copies of the past due reports for the board to review. Discussion followed. Total Past due balances are \$30,155.26 for Baltic, Hanover and \$6,706.71 for Versailles.

Todd informed the board of a problem that occurred at a property on High Street and the corner of Maple St. when the water was shut off due to property being unoccupied and in foreclosure affected the property next door. A new water line should be put in to alleviate this from continually happening. Discussion followed. The board asked that Todd get a price to put in the water line and report back.

Dick Douville made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Walter Treat. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.