

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2008

PRESENT: Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Keutzer and Ciarlo, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle, Patricia Bidmead, Secretary WPCA, Rick Judd, Marty Redente and Dan Michaud.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to accept the minutes of October 21, 2008 as amended.

At this time Rick Judd approached the Board in regards to 254 Commons LLC located at 10 Marine Street. This was an industrial building changed to a commercial building with an approval from the Planning & Zoning Dept. for 8 units. Plans were passed around to the Board and a short discussion ensued regarding the benefit connection fees. On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Keutzer, it was voted to charge the benefit connection for 2 units at this time and for each additional unit when the CO is requested at the benefit connection fee in place at that time. On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to accept the Part A application with a flow of 1000 gallons per day and a maximum of 7 units, 3 of which are already rented. On a motion by Keutzer, seconded by Ciarlo, it was voted to accept the prints that were presented to and approved by Rich Tingle on November 14, 2008. Therefore the Part B application was signed. Two of the units are being leased to a physical therapist, Dale Sweet and holds a therapeutic pool that holds 3000 gallons of water. The State is requesting a permit be signed by the WPCA for the discharging of this pool water once every 2 years. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to approve the permit to discharge public swimming pool water of 3000 gallons per quarter pending a Part A application be filed by Dale Sweet.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to amend the agenda for Naugatuck Valley Elec and Seagreen regarding energy savings. At this time Dan Michaud, representing Seagreen, explained and presented a short demonstration on how the capacitors work. He also presented the paperwork on what the WPCA savings would be and how those figures were calculated. On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to purchase 2 capacitors at a total cost of \$4,624. One capacitor for the SBR blower #1 and the other for the SBR blower #2.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: Copper levels are down but nickel appears to be the same. Samples were taken from QRD lateral which showed the same concentration as 2006. An 80 amp breaker for the plant water system failed and was replaced by Naugatuck Valley Electric. They also checked a VFD for the #1 primary sludge that experienced a few faults. We will continue to monitor but have not had any faults in about 2 weeks.

PUMP STATIONS: One low level alarm at Highwood Farms that we are troubleshooting. It appears the low float has moved.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: No problems this month. Rich called Claire Marie at the State DOT regarding their damaged drainage pipe and our claim. She is going to check with the inspection Supervisor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following paperwork was passed around to the Board.

1. A brochure regarding an FOIA workshop in Torrington on Dec. 3rd.
2. A letter from CTDEP regarding a Water Pollution Plan with sewer service area maps. Digital assessors maps were just completed and Mary Barton suggested that the WPCA set up a subcommittee to work on these maps along with other local Boards. Joe Fainer and John Piscopo showed interest in this.
3. A letter from CPOWER regarding our new rates. Our present contract expires December 31, 2008. A copy of the new contract was given to each Board member to review and make a decision whether or not to renew at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: Although they completed relining a portion of their sewer pipes the nickel concentration is approximately the same as in 2006. At the May 2008 meeting it was stated by QRD that every effort would be made to have this problem resolved by December 2008. A short discussion ensued and Ch. Mueller feels that another letter should be sent to George LaCapra regarding this issue.

Hickory Hill PS: Flows have dropped and we plan to schedule valve replacement ASAP. American Rooter will be on site to pump out the wet well as needed.

Kennedy Drive PS: Need to schedule the rebuilding of one pump.

User Fee Review: Pat is still gathering figures from the CT Water report.

FOG Program: John Fox and Rich Tingle started inspecting restaurants and found very few keep written maintenance records. The owners were given maintenance log sheets with instructions. John and Rich will follow up.

List of equipment for sewage system: Rich is still working on the list.

Bats: Rich spoke with Jeremy Leifert of CTDEP who claims if there is no reported rabies in this area he wouldn't be concerned about the bats in the plant. He is going to investigate records and get back to Rich Tingle. He claims bat houses work very well and could possibly be the solution for the WPCA.

New Business: Rich passed around copies of this year's capitol improvement requests. A short discussion ensued. Rich will make the necessary changes and will again go over this at the next meeting.

Eric Andersen injured his knee and is going for physical therapy.

Rich presented a letter to the Board requesting to carry over vacation time. Request was approved.

The list of the 2009 monthly WPCA meetings was passed around to the Board. On a motion by Keutzer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept these dates.

Budget: No concerns at this time. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the bills presented. Vice-Ch. Fainer questioned the electrical increase at the Kennedy Drive PS compared to last year at this time. Rich Tingle will look into this.

Adjournment: On a motion by Keutzer , seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 9:39PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD, SECRETARY
THOMASTON WPCA