

STAFFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting
Veteran's Meeting Room
Monday, February 2, 2009

Members Present:

Earl Avery
Paul Burns
Francis Finch
Doug Fassett
Herman Perlot
James Tantillo
B. Allen Warren
Michael Waugh

Members Absent:

Doug Minich

Also present were Acting Chief Operator Brian Tautic; Paul Gilbert of CDM; and Pete Williams of the Town of Ellington.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Waugh at 5:36 P.M. A quorum was established.

2. INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE EVALUATION AND SURCHARGE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A letter was sent Registered Mail to 3M (Cuno) approximately three (3) weeks ago to try and rectify the excessive fibrous discharge coming from 3M (Cuno) before involving other parties and/or implementing a surcharge. No response has been received from 3M (Cuno) regarding the letter. It was mentioned that CDM could assist the WPCA with the computation of a surcharge. The WPCA should no longer subsidize the costs for disposal of this material.

Mr. Fassett made a motion to implement a surcharge as stated in the Sewer Ordinance to 3M (Cuno) for its excessive fibrous discharge. Mr. Perlot seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

3. FACILITY PLAN UPGRADE – MONTHLY PROGRESS MEETING

Half-size drawings and manuals of the construction specs were made available to the members, along with a list of companies who have picked up the bid packages. The bid opening will be held on March 5, 2009 in Stafford. Rich Hartenstein, Brian and Paul have been going over the plans together for items that may be placed in an addendum if necessary.

4. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT

Mr. Gilbert stated that there have been a few meetings at the treatment plant and has been working to put together a draft of his work schedule to be performed for next month.

5. USDA / RD LOAN APPLICATION

The application has been completed, along with the Environmental Report and the Preliminary Engineering Report. The Environmental Report has been approved and the Preliminary Engineering Report is still under review.

Chairman Waugh stated that Stafford has a possibility for being considered for the Economic Stimulus since they are “shovel ready”. He stated that he would draft a letter to Senator Dodd stating the position the Town of Stafford is in with its treatment plant upgrade and to ask for a no-interest loan.

6. MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2009

Mr. Perlot made a motion to accept the minutes of January 14, 2009. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

7. ACTING CHIEF OPERATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Tautic stated there was a lateral problem on Hicks Ave and asked to be notified if a drain layer’s permit was taken out. If problem exists in the road the treatment plant must be notified for action.

Mr. Tautic stated he been at the slaughter house recently and discovered that the blood tanks on the premises were full. The last pumping of these tanks was in July of 2008. Mr. Tautic reported that Health Dept. official Zulick and himself inspected the premises and found renderings that are not being refrigerated due to coolers that were not working properly. Mr. Tautic stated that he did not know when the last time the renderings were picked up. It was suggested that Mr. Tautic inspect the slaughter house randomly once per week to view its activity.

8. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Avery questioned the expenditures for water and requested that the quarterly bills be looked into for next meeting.

The pilot plant has been removed.

9. BUDGET FY 2009-2010

The budget is still under review. The WPCA is waiting for feedback from RD as to the impact they will have on the sewer user rate.

10. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fassett inquired if there was an organizational flow chart for the WPCA that shows who is actually responsible for the employees and the operation of the plant. In addition, Mr. Fassett inquired if there was a flow chart that showed the proper chain of command.

Chairman Waugh stated that the WPCA is responsible for the day-to-day operations at the treatment plant and is obligated by the sewer ordinance. The Town owns the plant, and the general public is being taxed on any capital improvements so some items go through the Board of Selectmen for approval.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Burns made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 P.M. Mr. Finch seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane LaMorte
Office Manager WPCA