

STAFFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting
Veteran's Meeting Room
Monday, April 6, 2009

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Earl Avery

Also present were Acting Chief Operator Brian Tautic; Paul Gilbert of CDM; Steve Dufield of Cuno (3M); and Pete Williams of the Town of Ellington.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Waugh at 5:31 P.M. A quorum was established.

2. INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE EVALUATION AND SURCHARGE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Chairman Waugh stated a meeting with 3M was held a few weeks ago to address the ongoing situation of excess fibers coming into the treatment plant. Through his examination of the 3M plant it was discovered why the WPCA was getting such a high volume of total suspended solids (TSS).

In order to complete their manufacturing process, 3M uses an abundance of diatomaceous earth (DE) that is so fine that it can not be filtered out through their own wastewater processing equipment. This DE is the main cause of the high levels of TSS not the excess of fibers.

Mr. Dufield stated that Fuss and O'Neil is in the process of developing a plan to remove the excess fibers, but once these fibers are removed he feels that there will not be a substantial decrease in TSS. Mr. Dufield requested that time be allowed for a plan of action to be implemented on how to remove the DE prior to any surcharge being instituted.

It was agreed that 3M present the WPCA with a conceptual design of the removal of the fibers within a couple weeks for approval and then submitting this plan to the DEP for review and approval. Regarding the high levels of TSS, the WPCA is expecting a plan of action to be developed for the removal of the DE in a timely manner.

Mr. Burns made a motion to combine Items 3 and 5. Mr. Fassett seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

3. FACILITY PLAN UPGRADE – MONTHLY PROGRESS MEETING & 5. USDA / RD LOAN APPLICATION UPDATE

A project estimate cost dated March 29, 2009, was distributed. The total estimated project cost is \$12,399,612. The grant/loan agreement would be for 30 years. The stimulus money has not been authorized at this time and the WPCA has no notice to proceed.

Mr. Burns made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary paperwork with RD that is required through the grant/loan process. Mr. Perlot seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

4. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT

Mr. Gilbert stated that he has been addressing the sludge hauling, staffing and expenses through his assessment. This task should be wrapped up by mid-May.

Mr. Gilbert also stated that the DEP is reviewing the encroachment application, and the ad was recently published in the paper for comment, and should have a permit by May.

6. MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2009

Mr. Burns made a motion to accept the minutes of March 2, 2009. Mr. Fassett seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

7. MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2009

Mr. Fassett made a motion to accept the minutes of March 16, 2009. Mr. Perlot seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

8. ACTING CHIEF OPERATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Tautic stated that the police equipment that has been stored at the treatment plant will be removed by the start of the project.

Mr. Tautic also stated that he and Rick Zulick of the North Central Health District, visited several restaurants in Town to inspect their grease traps. There may be some establishments that are contributing to the grease at the Route 190 pump station. These establishments will be monitored.

Mr. Tautic stated that the sewer problem at 262a Orcuttville Road has been resolved satisfactorily.

9. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

A detailed sheet was distributed to all members. The line items for fuel oil and gas and oil had been expended and transfers would need to be made for next meeting.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Delinquent Sewer Users

A final notice for payment was sent to approximately 100 sewer users. Those that do not comply with either payment or establish a payment plan will be turned over to the State Marshal for collection.

There are approximately 7 accounts that will be receiving a letter from the WPCA attorney requesting payment before more severe action is taken.

Budget FY 2009-2010

The proposed budget is being reviewed by the Board of Finance at this time.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fassett made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. Mr. Perlot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane LaMorte
Office Manager WPCA