

## MEETING MINUTES

### TOLLAND WATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 2009  
HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER  
2<sup>nd</sup> Level Conference Room A  
7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Stewart Joslin, Chair; Andrew R. Netro; Richard N. Symonds, Jr.; Rene C. Wagner; Eugene Koss and William Pakulis

**Others present:** Dave Smith, Town Engineer; Al Braig, Connecticut Water Company and David Murphy, Milone & MacBroom, Inc.

**Not in attendance:** Glenn MacDonald

**1. Call to order:** Stewart Joslin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Approval of the May 13, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes: Andrew R. Netro motions to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2009 meeting; seconded by Rene C. Wagner. All in favor. None opposed.

Approval of the May 27, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes: Richard N. Symonds motions to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2009 meeting; seconded by Andrew R. Netro. All in favor. None opposed.

#### **3. 32 Avebury Lane Water Usage**

Eugene Koss commented that he had submitted a memo to the Commission members prior to the meeting. Andy Netro commented that the usage jumps around. There was discussion regarding possible causes for the water usage amount. Bill Pakulis called the property owner and told them it was up to them if they'd like to come to the meeting, although no decision has been made by the Commission as of yet. Further conversation on this was deferred to the last agenda item of the meeting.

#### **4. Discussion concerning the Water Supply Plan with Lenard Engineering**

Dave Smith commented that communications had gone back and forth between the members regarding various changes to the Plan. The suggested changes were given to Jim Ericson, who will have the final draft done by the end of this week. Dave will forward the draft to the members on Monday for their review. If all members approve the Plan, it can be submitted.

Dick Symonds motioned that we authorize the submittal of the 5 year Water Supply Plan to the State, subject to a review by the Commission members, prior to Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Seconded by Eugene Koss. All in favor. None opposed.

## **5. Report on Diversion Permit Review w/ David Murphy of Milone and MacBroom**

David Murphy of Milone & MacBroom, Inc. commented on this agenda item. The Diversion Permit was submitted last Fall. A request for information was submitted to the Town of Tolland on May 21, 2009 from the State of Connecticut Inland Water Resources Division. As expected, a lot of the comments are related to the Fisheries Resource. Brian Murphy is the Inland Fisheries Division reviewer for eastern Connecticut projects. Other comments that were attached were from the Planning & Standards Division, which Dave Smith considered to be quite encouraging. A memo from DPH was included. Dave Murphy said they had some questions that will be easy to address. The Fisheries are requesting a study. A study is currently being done for UConn down the river. Brian Murphy wanted to know how a proposed diversion would affect habitats for trout in the Willimantic River and also for the one trout that they found in Greensbrook. There were comments that Greensbrook never has any water in it. The bigger question is the Willimantic River and the impact of the Diversion. Dave Murphy suggested taking the results from the UConn study and using those. The study is supposed to be finished this summer.

The Consent Order we have is good for 3 years before everything needs to be completed. The information requested by the State needs to be submitted by July 5<sup>th</sup>. Dave Murphy will send a response next week. We plan to use UConn's study, so those questions cannot be answered yet. Dave spoke with Brian Murphy about using the UConn study; he thinks that is great if it'll save us money. Dave thinks Brian is happy to use the results someplace else. Dave passed the members a draft proposal. There are four pieces to the scope: write a letter by July 5<sup>th</sup>; do more work on Greensbrook (take photos, measure the flow, etc); take the results from the Willimantic River study (UConn study) and use them to respond; and task 4 is the reporting.

Dick Symonds moved that we go with the proposal. Seconded by Eugene Koss. All in favor. None opposed.

Dave Smith asked Dave Murphy if he could comment on the Level A Mapping. Dave Murphy commented that it went swimmingly.

## **6. CWC Operations Contract**

Dave Smith commented that we did get some comments back from the insurance carrier for the town. Basically, they agreed with Glenn MacDonald's comments. Al Braig, of the CWC, will forward the suggested changes to his insurance contact. Eugene thought that the current insurance wording may have been grafted in and used somewhere else, and does not pertain to this particular contract. Al does not see any show stoppers with the proposed changes and doesn't believe there should be any issues.

As soon as Al gets comments from his insurance contact, he'll e-mail the members. It is the Commission's hope, that once the insurance issues are taken care of, a final draft can be completed by next week.

It was decided that if the CWC's insurance carrier had any follow-up questions, they should speak with Mike Wilkinson of the town.

## **7. CWC Regional Pipeline Project**

Dave Smith included the June 2, 2009 Draft Water Supply Agreement. Stew Joslin commented that Terry called him and mentioned he thought another workshop was needed. The Commission members agreed. There are some issues that need to be looked at and blanks that need to be filled in.

Stew Joslin commented that he presented the budget to the Town Council on June 9, 2009. There were a few questions, but none of substance. Stew reviewed what was presented to the Council members, specifically that our capital expenditures would be tapering off, the water supply agreement, etc. He did advise them that once a draft agreement was in place, they would be provided with a copy.

Stew asked the members what their reaction was re: the 50,000 gallons in any one day. The members had discussion as to why the cap. Thoughts included it may be in regards to a Diversion Permit. Al Braig will find out and advise the members.

Also, discussion was had re: back-flow preventers and the necessity of them.

Stew questioned if there had been discussion re: the rate at the last meeting. Dick Symonds commented that it is his understanding that it would further be discussed at the next workshop, which is Wednesday, June 24, 2009 @ 3:30 p.m.

Eugene commented that the agreement is moving in the right direction and Stew agreed.

## **8. Old Cathole Road Water Main Project update**

Dave commented that they sent the first portion of the pre-construction checklist and pre-bid checklist to the State of Connecticut. They have completed the financial packet, which will be sent June 11, 2009. We are awaiting their approval before signing the contract with CATCO. This should be forthcoming next week. The contractor has been gracious with holding the bid.

Dave believes that on or before the beginning of July, we could sign with the contractor.

## **9. Resolution to pay DEP rather than complete SEP**

Bill Pakulis feels that we should tell them that we have respectfully decided to pay the fine, as does Stew.

Andrew Netro made a motion to pay the fine of \$12,500 and send a letter telling them that we are going to pay it off. Seconded by William Pakulis.

Discussion amongst the members was had regarding whether it was actually necessary to send a letter, along with the check. Some thought it was necessary to cover all bases, while some did not. At the end of the discussion, it was decided that Dave would draft a letter to send along with the check, stating that we are withdrawing the project.

All in favor. None opposed.

## **10. Private Fire Protection Letters**

The members reviewed the draft letters provided by Dave Smith concerning the Private Fire Protection matter. Dick will check the size of the riser at Rockville Bank.

Discussion was had regarding the contents of the draft letters. Dave reviewed various records to gather his information. Once the information is confirmed, the letters could go out. It was suggested that Al Braig will check their records re: the riser size in the Big Y plaza.

It was decided that the letters will go out once Dave gets the feedback from Dick and Al. The charges will be reflected in the July billing.

(Continued discussion of Agenda item **3. 32 Avebury Lane Water Usage** was had):

The members believe there is no way to prove what happened. Discussion with regard to the Commission adopting a policy similar to the CWC's was had. There should be an arrangement, on a one-time basis.

It was decided that the Commission would meet with the property owners and then make a decision on how to proceed.

## **11. Adjournment**

Richard N. Symonds, Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Rene C. Wagner at 8:52 p.m. All were in favor. None opposed.

**Michelle A. Finnegan**  
**Water Commission Clerk**