

## **HARWINTON WPCA MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Joe Rinaldi, Mark Gelormino, John Souchuns, James Clavette, Rob Rubbo.

Absent: Chris Janco, Gil Roberts.

### **1. Open meeting – establish quorum.**

Chairman Rinaldo opens the meeting at 6:06 pm with members present being seated and a quorum established. Mr. Ray Drew and Mr. Dave Wilson are also present.

**Motion** Mr. Gelormino, second Mr. Souchuns to amend the agenda to include approval of the minutes from the 1/9/14 special meeting. The motion passes unanimously.

### **2. Approve minutes of previous meetings: 1/9/14 special meeting, 3/11/14.**

Approval of 1/9/14 minutes is tabled until such time as the 3 members present at that meeting are all present in order to vote.

**Motion** Mr. Gelormino, second Mr. Souchuns to approve the 3/11/14 meeting minutes as submitted, passing unanimously.

### **3. Ray Drew, Torrington WPCA Administrator – future bonding to Torrington for plant upgrades (including phosphorus removal).**

In response to EPA stipulation, DEEP has imposed phosphorus limits on effluent from Torrington WPCF, as with every other inland non-title treatment plant in CT. This affects a total of 43 water pollution control facilities in the state. To comply with these new limits, upgrades to the plant are necessary. Mr. Drew reports that currently, Torrington's proposed total project cost is estimated at \$51.3 million, with an anticipated 22% provided by state grant money. In addition to compliance with phosphorus effluent limits, upgrades include replacement/modification of existing, aging equipment. A 2% interest loan from the State translates to a yearly bond payment to Torrington from Harwinton for a period of 20 years which is significantly greater than Harwinton's current annual bond payment. As with the current bond payment, funds to pay Harwinton's 1.1% of the total bonding will come from sewer user fees. Construction is expected to begin in 2016, taking about 3 years to complete. Currently, Torrington awaits DEEP approval of the WPCF plan.

### **4. Sewer User Fee for July 2014 billing.**

**Motion** Mr. Gelormino, second Mr. Rubbo to not increase the fee for the July 2014 billing. The motion passes unanimously.

### **5. Bills.**

**Motion** Mr. Gelormino, second Mr. Rubbo to approve payment of the following bills. The motion passes unanimously.

Dave Wilson - monthly bill for March, \$675

CL&P - March bill, \$13.34

Clerk Christine Neal – January 27.5 hours, February 10.75 hours, March 20.75 hours.

### **6. Meter replacement: Scoville Hill Road and Clearview Avenue.**

Mr. Gelormino reports that to calibrate a third meter (Sunset Ridge) on an annual basis would cost an additional \$175 per year. The cost to install a different flume would be \$2250. Documentation regarding scope of work and costs will be available for the May meeting.

Mr. Gelormino exits the meeting at 6:50 pm.

**7. Operations/Maintenance of new meters including reporting of flows and billing.**

The board will honor Mr. Wilson's current contract in its entirety, which runs through June 30, 2014. WPCA requests that Mr. Wilson calibrate both meters before they are taken offline and replaced by the new ultrasonic meters.

**8. Letter to sewer users.**

A letter will be sent to sewer users indicating that future increases to the sewer user fee will be necessary due to cost of bonding for upgrades at the Torrington plant.

**9. Any other business.**

- Appointments/Bills: WPCA has received request for payment for the Tax Collector and the Town Treasurer for their services to the WPCA. **Motion** Mr. Souchuns, second Mr. Rubbo to re-appoint the Town Tax Collector as the WPCA Collector of Fees and the Town Treasurer as the WPCA Treasurer. The motion passes unanimously. **Motion** Mr. Rubbo, second Mr. Souchuns to pay the bill as received in the amount of \$750 for each, totaling \$1500. The motion passes unanimously.
- Lake lots being conveyed from the Town to the Lake Association: First Selectman Criss has requested a report from the WPCA regarding any effect this conveyance would/may have on WPCA's sewer avoidance program (2/18/14 BOS meeting). Members review list of lake lots, Board of Selectman's meeting minutes and report drafted by Clerk Neal. The board approves the report stating that the WPCA does not foresee any adverse effect on the sewer avoidance program.
- Clerk Neal explains that work is underway to consolidate and organize WPCA files.

**10. Correspondence.** Correspondence was reviewed and distributed.

**11. Adjourn.** **Motion** Mr. Rubbo, second Mr. Clavette at 7:02 p.m. to adjourn, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Neal  
WPCA Clerk

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