

HARWINTON WPCA SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, August 30, 2011, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Michael Criss, Chris Janco, Salvatore Bonola, John Souchuns, Joe Rinaldi, Gilbert Roberts.

Absent: Bob McCuin.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Open hearing – establish quorum.

Chairman Criss opens the hearing at 6:05 p.m. All regular members are present and seated, with a quorum established. All proceedings are recording on audio tape.

2. Adoption of Water Pollution Control Plan, establishment of the Sewer Service Area and amendments to the Sewer Use Rules and Regulations.

A copy of these documents was filed with the Town Clerk for public review. Notice of this hearing was published in the Waterbury Republican American on August 13, 2011. Chairman Criss reads "Resolution Concerning the Amendment of Rules and Regulations" into the record:

"WHEREAS, the Town of Harwinton Water Pollution Control Authority (hereinafter "the WCPA") promulgates regulations to set uniform regulations for users of the Town of Harwinton's ("the Town") wastewater collection and disposal works thus enabling the Town to comply with the provisions of the Clean Water Act and other applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and to provide for the public health and welfare by regulating the quality of wastewater discharged into the Town's wastewater collection system, and

WHEREAS, the WPCA is a party to an agreement ("the Agreement") with the City of Torrington Water Pollution Control Authority pursuant to which WPCA has the right to discharge up to 77,000 gallons of sewage per day to the Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the WPCA to protect the investment of those residents already connected to the system and avoid penalties incurred by exceeding the limitations set forth in the Agreement, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the WPCA to plan and manage the allocation and quality of any remaining capacity, and

WHEREAS, these Rules and Regulations have not been amended since 2001,

NOW, therefore, in light of the foregoing, the WPCA hereby adopts the following amended and restated Rules and Regulations to provide for an orderly sewer main connection program in the Town which will comply with the intent of the Town to provide sewage facilities for those located in the Sewer Service Area (as indicated on the Sewer Service Area map, see Appendix)."

Chairman Criss explains that the regulations have been updated to reflect current Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and City of Torrington (WPCA) regulations, to include the Water Pollution Control Plan and Sewer Service Area Map, and to allow for enforcement of the regulations with penalties for non-compliance.

Chairman Criss asks if any member has a comment at this time. Mr. Janco states that the WPCA has kept the user fees down as compared with other similarly operated and sized Connecticut towns.

Chairman Criss opens the floor for public comment. Mr. James Buss, 30 Catlin Road, asks if the sewer service area is likely to be expanded in the near future, to which Chairman Criss answers no, explaining that Harwinton's contract capacity with the City of Torrington limits the gallonage Harwinton is able to send to Torrington for treatment. He states there had been a proposal to have a greater contract capacity

with the City of Torrington to a level which would have allowed a larger service area, but this was voted down by the Town.

With no further public or board comment, at 6:12 p.m. **motion** was made by Mr. Bonola to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, passing unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING

1. Open meeting – establish quorum.

Chairman Criss opens the meeting at 6:12 p.m. All regular members are present and seated, with a quorum established.

2. Approve minutes of previous meeting: 7/26/11.

Motion Mr. Bonola, second Mr. Janco to approve the July 26, 2011, meeting minutes as submitted, passing unanimously.

3. Discussion/possible decision - Adoption of Water Pollution Control Plan, establishment of the Sewer Service Area and amendments to the Sewer Use Rules and Regulations.

Ray Drew, Torrington WPCA, goes over a few things he noticed while reading through the proposed Rules and Regulations, stating that he would be comfortable with the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations as presented. In regard to materials for sewers, Mr. Drew notes that crossings of domestic water and/or well supply lines with sewer lines are not under the jurisdiction of Torrington WPCA, but rather the Torrington Water Company. He suggests when addressing the sealing of discontinued house connections that laterals should be included, at least in the future, since as the system ages, laterals can also be susceptible to inflow and infiltration. Mr. Drew refers to the list of wastes excluded from all sewers in Section VI, indicating that the DEEP will be setting a limit for phosphorus for the Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) through Torrington's new permit. It follows that Harwinton's wastewater flow to Torrington will be limited with regard to phosphorus in order to ensure Torrington's compliance with the permit. Torrington will have three years to comply with the phosphorus limit once the permit is given. The board decides to address this when the time comes. Mr. Drew adds that the phosphorus limit will be a "hard and fast" number, i.e. versus Nitrogen, there will be no "trading" with other WPCFs to compensate for discharges over the limit.

Motion is made by Mr. Bonola to accept the amendments to the Sewer Use Rules and Regulations as presented this evening and to adopt the Water Pollution Control Plan and Sewer Service Area as presented. Mr. Rinaldi seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

4. Ray Drew – Torrington WPCF projects.

The additions/changes necessary to treat fats/oils/grease (FOG) have just been completed. Since no restaurants in Harwinton are connected to public sewer at this point, Torrington is not looking at Harwinton covering a portion of that debt. Since the last upgrades to the facility were in 1968 and 1992, there are some projects planned in the near future including: upgrading the pump station, completely re-doing the headworks, and instituting measures to address inflow/infiltration. One consideration is whether disinfection will be accomplished by use of hypochlorite (chlorination) or by UV radiation. Mr. Drew noted that Torrington does not plan to add the Woodridge Lake area to their sewer service area. Regarding FOG, Mr. Drew indicates that there are a few other WPCFs accepting it, but current use of the waste as a biofuel is not economically feasible. As the size of this waste stream grows, this may change.

Regarding Harwinton meters, Mr. Drew recommends that if Harwinton is going to phase out the two older meters, new meters should provide for transmission of real-time data of daily flows to allow a much more prompt response to and correction of any problem.

Current bonding from the previous \$16 million project, a portion of which is being paid by Harwinton to Torrington, matures in February 2014. With the current \$27 million in construction slated for completion in 2015, Harwinton will see new bond payments reflected in the yearly bill to Torrington sometime afterwards.

Mr. Drew asks if the board is considering purchasing more capacity from the City of Torrington, with Mr. Roberts answering that this is not being considered in the current economic climate.

5. Bills.

Motion Mr. Janco, second Mr. Bonola to approve the following bills for payment, passing unanimously.

Dave Wilson: \$650 for July meter maintenance, \$500 for annual calibration of Scoville Hill and Clearview meters and \$120 for checking operation of Sunset Ridge meter per request of Ray Drew at the time of calibration (total bill \$1270).

CL&P – about \$14 for July.

Christine Neal - \$10.42 for 10 color copies, size 11" x 17", of the Sewer Service Area map.

Christine Neal, WPCA Clerk: 14.25 hours total for July 25 through August 9, 2011.

City of Torrington - \$573.51 for their emergency response 7/1/11, per WPCA request, to sewer line plug and resulting back up in the area of the flow meter within the Sunset Ridge development, Ross Road. The bill from Torrington was forwarded to Targa for payment on 7/25/11.

City of Torrington - \$33,955.80 for fiscal year 10-11 wastewater treatment and \$8190.17 for bonding.

6. Delinquent Accounts – Collector's Report. Tabled.

7. Annual Report to Board of Finance.

Draft provided by Mrs. Neal to the board is to be reviewed, with this item tabled to the next meeting.

8. WPCA Budget: proposed budget for FY11-12.

Mrs. Neal to ask WPCA Treasurer Woike to provide an updated budget listing the final actual values for FY 10-11 so this can be emailed to members for review before the next meeting. Further discussion tabled to the next meeting. **Motion** Mr. Rinaldi, second Mr. Janco to set the next meeting to September 20, 2011, instead of the originally scheduled September 13th date, to allow time to review the budget. The motion passes unanimously.

9. Correspondence.

Correspondence to WPCA is reviewed and distributed including (pink) Torrington WPCA trucked waste disposal reports, flow reports from Dave Wilson, and letter concerning the Clean Water Fund Priority List.

10. Adjourn. Motion Mr. Janco, second Mr. Rinaldi at 7:36 p.m. to adjourn, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Neal
WPCA Clerk

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ON 9-7-11 AT 2:56 PM
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