

**HARWINTON WPCA SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Friday, December 9, 2011, Town Hall, 5:00 p.m.**

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

Chris Janco arrives at opening of agenda item 3.

Absent: Bob McCuin.

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

Chairman Criss opens the meeting at 5:04 p.m. All regular members present are seated, with alternate Gil Roberts seated for Mr. Janco. A quorum is established.

**2. Approve minutes of previous meeting: 11/15/11.**

**Motion** Mr. Bonola, second Mr. Rinaldi to approve the November 15, 2011, meeting minutes as submitted, passing unanimously.

**3. Oak Meadow Estates.**

Owner of the property, Mr. Vincent Vizzo, Action Properties, LLC, Stratford, is present. Oak Meadow Estates is a private residential community, partly in Torrington and with access from Breezy Hill Road in Torrington and partly in Harwinton, Assessor's Map No. B9-05-0007, with frontage on Lake Harwinton Road. Certificate of Occupancy is requested for units H1 and H2, the first building on the property to be constructed in Harwinton, with sewer connection completed prior to physical inspection by WPCA.

About three weeks ago, Ray Drew, Torrington, informed Harwinton WPCA that Torrington was asked to witness some pressure testing of sewer line which was located in the Harwinton portion of Oak Meadow Estates. Mr. Roberts proceeded to visit the site, finding that the sewer line in Harwinton was almost complete. Mr. Roberts indicates that he was informed that some of the sewer line was completed two or three years ago by the company Northland, which WPCA was not aware of. When Mr. Roberts was on site, the remaining portion of the sewer line was almost completed, except for approximately 80', and to his understanding was completed by Haynes Manufacturing. All of the building permits had been issued and construction completed for the building consisting of units H1 and H2, as well as the house laterals for these two units which were already connected. Mr. Vizzo is seeking a Certificate of Occupancy for each of these two units. Mr. Vizzo has indicated that he accepts full responsibility for construction of the sewer line and laterals prior to Harwinton WPCA inspection and that he was of the understanding that inspection of the sewer line prior to or during construction was not required since Torrington does not require it for sewer line within a private development. Torrington simply requires t.v. camera work and an as built drawing of the sewer line. Mr. Roberts explains that Harwinton is a little different in that flow limitations are so important that quality of work is key in avoiding infiltration.

Mr. Roberts explains that some of what has been constructed varies from Harwinton WPCA Rules & Regulations. He then refers to a letter he faxed to Mr. Vizzo, Action Properties, with copies provided to all WPCA members, which outlines minimum requirements for WPCA approval of sewer lines already constructed in Harwinton on the site, and is based on conversations with Harwinton WPCA contracted Engineer Dave Wilson. Required items are: (1) copies of license information for all those who have done work on the sewer lines and laterals, completion of applications for house lateral connection for H1 and H2, (2) pressure testing of lines and vacuum testing of manholes as noted in the original WPCA approval of the plans and as indicated in the letter, (3) t.v. examination of all Harwinton lines, with tape reviewed by Dave Wilson and Harwinton WPCA representative, (4) inspection by property owner's engineer of the construction of all manholes for conformance to plan specifications, etc., with compliance report provided by the engineer, as outlined in the letter, and (5) as built drawings by owner's engineer per the letter.

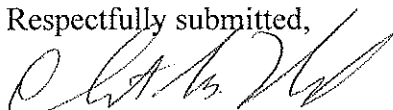
Mr. Roberts asks Mr. Vizzo about each of the five items in turn, reading the requirements aloud, with Mr. Vizzo responding. Regarding item (1), copies of license information, which would ensure all contractors are legitimately licensed to do the work, Mr. Vizzo indicates that a copy of Northland's license was dropped off at Town Hall as well as a copy of earthworks' license, the company that made the two lateral connections from the house to the street. Mr. Vizzo submits a copy of Haynes Manufacturing's license, adding that the state had required posting of Northland's license. With regard to item (2), if pressure testing of all main lines in Harwinton have been completed, including the two constructed lateral lines since these were not inspected before construction, and if manhole vacuum testing has been completed for all manholes in Harwinton, all in accordance with the letter and original approval, all witnessed by the engineer hired by Action Properties (Arthur Howland Engineers); Mr. Vizzo indicates that all required pressure and vacuum testing has been conducted as required. With regard to item (3), t.v. camera work is still in process. Regarding construction of manholes and compliance report from Action Properties' engineer, item (4), Mr. Vizzo explains that he has certain paperwork to submit this evening, but the remainder is still being completed. All testing of manholes has been completed. One manhole that originally failed testing, subsequently passed after replacement of the gasket. Mr. Vizzo indicates that his engineer has approved all the work, submitting his signed approval. As stated in item (5) of the letter, as built drawings are required.

Mr. Roberts explains that Harwinton WPCA is not asking for a sewer connection permit and is not performing any physical inspection of the lateral line/sewer connection prior to backfilling for either of the two units already constructed (H1 and H2). He indicates that Action Properties may wish to consider WPCA engineer's recommendation to dig up portions of the line to ensure proper bedding. Mr. Roberts mentions that he had noticed that bedding for the Haynes portion of the line was fine. Mr. Vizzo apologizes for the situation and Mr. Criss offers that further communications with Town Hall employees and Land Use Commissioners regarding WPCA Rules and Regulations has since taken place which should alleviate the potential for future similar situations. Mr. Criss indicates that the applicable sections of WPCA Rules & Regulations will be provided to Mr. Vizzo, which will need to be followed for all future connections to the line. Mr. Vizzo indicates his intention to follow through with all recommendations and requirements moving forward.

Mr. Vizzo is to submit all remaining documentation required by WPCA regarding H1 and H2 by December 16, 2011. **Motion** Mr. Bonola, second Mr. Rinaldi to accept the sewer line based on the data provided and the house laterals for H1 and H2. Motion passes unanimously.

**4. Adjourn. Motion** Mr. Bonola, second Mr. Rinaldi at 7:29 p.m. to adjourn, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Neal, WPCA Clerk