

Water Pollution Control Commission

Town of Clinton, 54 East Main St., Clinton, CT 06413

Rose Room

Tuesday January 10, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Matthew Kennedy (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:02PM in the Rose Room of the Andrews Memorial Town Hall.

Present: Matthew Kennedy (Chair), Laura Peterson (Vice-Chair), Hal Dolan, Al Walker

Absent: Omar Francis, Carl Neri, Chris Guelke

2. Recognition of Guests:

Kristie Wagner and Mary Jane Engle of CDM Smith

3. Approval of Minutes:

The Commission requested that the Dec. 13, 2016 minutes be corrected as follows:

Page 2; Agenda Item 6. New Business; a. Facilities cost sharing Ideas-

ORIGINAL: "Kate Zadek of the Beach Park area questioned whether the Clinton can count on the state continuing to offer 25% in aid to the project. K. Wagner stated that the funding is essentially Federal and that she sees no reason to believe that funding will be discontinued."

CORRECTION: "K. Wagner indicated that the funds originate from Federal sources and historically have been steady, but the percentage is not guaranteed. To be thorough, some funding scenarios with a reduced grant percentage should be examined."

Page 3; Agenda Item 6. New Business; Paragraph 4-

ORIGINAL: "....the consent order of 1987"

CORRECTION: "...the consent order of 1997"

L. Peterson made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the Dec. 13, 2016 as corrected.

H. Dolan seconded that motion.

In Favor: M. Kennedy, L. Peterson, H. Dolan, A. Walker

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 4-0-0

4. Correspondence:

Laboratory Report from Environmental Consulting Laboratories - Results of Nov. 28, 2016 semi-annual septage lagoon monitoring well sampling.- Dec. 13, 2016.

Excerpt from Email from Pete Neff (director, Dept. of Public Works) with an update on the Rocky Ledge Water Main Project. Jan. 5, 2017

Letter from WPCC to First Selectman, Bruce Farmer. Dec. 15, 2016

5. Old Business:

a. Rocky Ledge Water Main Update-

Discussion of P. Neff's Rocky Ledge update as well as MJ Engle's initial Draft Rocky Ledge Water Main Policy framework.

Neff's update included an estimated project budget cost of \$4.4 million which includes the costs of running the water main, "plac(ing) a curb box at each residence...the new plan is to actually run water and hook up each residence.", as well as the required restoration of Rte. 81 and the repaving of affected town roads.

The Town is still waiting for input from the Connecticut Water Company (CWC) as to how much financial support they will provide this project. The understanding is that CWC's contribution will be based on the number of residences firmly committing to hooking up to the new water line. Details still being negotiated between Town and CWC. Draft Policy to assist with this process.

Neff also posed questions to the Town relating to the project. The commission discussed answers to Neff's questions in relation to the Draft Policy. Many of the topics Neff brought up were addressed in Engle's initial draft.

Lengthy discussion followed on the details involved in 'abandoning' wells as well as possible conditions for obtaining a "waiver" from the policy requirement to connect to the water line. Among other stipulations, it was decided that homeowners who would like to hook up after the project is completed would have to do so at their own cost. The commission refined and expanded on aspects of the Draft Policy. Engle will get estimates for the cost of well abandonment as well as continue to work on the draft.

Discussion related to the project and the benefits homeowners will receive as a result of hooking-up to the water line included: increased property value, the ability to improve private property without having to meet the previous distance restrictions between well and septic, increased flexibility with septic system location within yard perimeters and clean drinking water.

b. Lagoon Closure Update-

K. Wagner stated that she is waiting for the data table update from C Walter and when she has that she will send a final draft of the revised closure plan to M. Kennedy for his technical review and comment. Commission will forward finalized plan to Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for final review per the Department's July 14, 2013 conditional approval for environmental projects (per Unilever settlement).

6. New Business:

a. Budget Presentation to Board of Selectmen-

Discussion followed as to the desire of the WPCC to request additional funding for fiscal year 2017-2018 for Engineering Services as well as Benefit Assessment Appraisal Consultant. K. Wagner stated that the informal estimate she received for individual household assessments in the needs areas would be approximately \$75,000. Wagner pointed out and Commission agreed that without the information such a technical study would provide, the project may ultimately be halted due to inability to determine the actual maximum benefit to property values of users in sewerred areas. It was concluded that it may be difficult to get these proposals together this late in 2017-2018 fiscal year budget season. Commission to also look at methods of receiving at least partial funding this year. The current version of budget will be presented by M.Kennedy to the Board of Selectmen on January 11, 2017 at 7:00PM. Other commission members are encouraged to attend in support of the proposed budget.

b. Budget Presentation to Board of Finance-

L. Peterson made a motion to table this item to the January 24, 2017 meeting.

H. Dolan seconded the motion.

In Favor: M. Kennedy, L. Peterson, H. Dolan, A. Walker

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 4-0-0

c. Post & Main Wastewater Treatment-

Discussion followed as to the C. Walter's tour of the wastewater facility serving the new 186 unit Post & Main apartment complex in Old Saybrook. The WPCC has been offered the opportunity to have a tour of the 30,000 gallon per day facility on January 19th but the date is not convenient for most commission members. Walter will contact the AquaPoint, the system provider, and request a date later in the month for the tour.

d. Invoices-

L. Peterson made a **motion** to approve payment of ECL invoice #52811 for \$152.50 for well testing at the Indian River complex.

H. Dolan seconded the motion.

In Favor: M. Kennedy, L. Peterson, H. Dolan, A. Walker

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 4-0-0

L. Peterson made a **motion** to approve payment of ECL invoice #52829 for \$1755.45 for monitoring well sampling at the Knollwood Drive Septic Lagoons from the Unilever settlement money since this testing is associated with revised closure plan requested by DEEP.

H. Dolan seconded the motion.

In Favor: M. Kennedy, L. Peterson, H. Dolan, A. Walker

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 4-0-0

e. Discussion of Agenda Items for Jan. 24, 2017-

L. Peterson made a motion to table this item to the January 24, 2017 meeting.

H. Dolan seconded the motion.

In Favor: M. Kennedy, L. Peterson, H. Dolan, A. Walker

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 4-0-0

7. Chairman's/Commissioner's Comments:

L. Peterson made a motion to table this item to the January 24, 2017 meeting.

H. Dolan seconded the motion.

In Favor: M. Kennedy, L. Peterson, H. Dolan, A. Walker

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 4-0-0

8. Adjournment:

L. Peterson made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:24PM.

H. Dolan seconded the motion.

In Favor: M. Kennedy, L. Peterson, H. Dolan, A. Walker

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Walter
Recording Secretary