



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TOWN OF STONINGTON

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WPCA

January 23, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Police Station Meeting Room
Stonington, CT
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Charles Sheehan. Members Present: Lynn Young, James Petrosky, and James Falconieri
Staff: Daniel Smith, Director and Ryan McCammon, Assistant Director
2. **Contract Operations:** Veolia – Discussion/Monthly Report – Veolia Stonington Project Manager Rodrick Ventura and Veolia Area Manager Pete Vetter gave a summary of November and December 2023 operating reports and contract operations. All three facilities continue to operate well within discharge parameters. The WPCFs fared well through both recent storms and higher than usual tides.
3. **Public Comments:**
 - A. Mr. Ben Tamsky addressed the Board and requested from the Director tours of the WPCFs. The Director will connect with Mr. Tamsky offline to schedule.
 - B. Mr. Will Abramczyk with Clean Water Ops. addressed the Board in regards to contract operations. Mr. Abramczyk expressed Clean Water Ops desire to compete for contract operations services and hopes the Board will issue an RFP for contract operations. He also questioned why, after 20+ years, the WPCA has continued exercised its option to extend the contract and not go back out to bid.
4. **Budget Status:** 2023-2024 budget was reviewed; Ms. Young asked the status of the bond fund. Director will report back with that figure.
5. **Bills:**
 - A. National Water Main Cleaning Company - \$146,022.55 for completed pipe lining
Director informed the Board that the final bill came it at \$33,147.45 less than quoted. Motion made by Ms. Young to pay the bill, 2nd by Mr. Falconieri, motion passed 4-0
 - B. CDM Smith - \$8255.00 final bill for engineering services during lining
Since the lining project is completed, Director requested a motion to make final payment to CDM for lining engineering services. Motion made by Mr. Petrosky, 2nd by Ms. Young. Motion passed 4-0

6. Projects:

- A. CDM I&I SSES: DEEP approved of the completed SSES. We will work toward getting the rehab project moving.
- B. White Rock P.S. Director update the Board on the status of the pump station evaluation. BETA has performed their sit visit and is currently reviewing historical data.
- C. River Rd. Director requested a motion to approve Wright-Pierce's proposal for design and bidding services for the River Rd. pump station upgrade. Mr. Petrosky motioned to approve, Ms. Young 2nd, motion passed 4-0.

7. Director's Report:

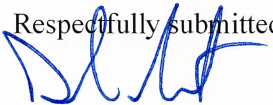
- A. Operations and Maintenance Contract: Director informed the Board that the current O&M contract with Veolia will expire on Nov. 14th 2024. We have until May 14th 2024 to issue, in writing, a letter stating our desire to exercise the 5-year option.
- B. Rate Increase: Tabled until next meeting, director will gather more information
- C. Facilities Plan: Director informed the Board that CWFs are available on a first come first serve basis for updating a facilities plan. The funds available would be 55% through the CWF.
- D. Sewer Use Bills: Director requested the Board's approval of a proposal from Harris, which is the billing software provider, to print and mail our sewer use bills. Director asked that this be paid out of the operations budget with the understanding that it be reimburse from the municipal budget at the end of the fiscal year. There are limited funds in the municipal budget to enter this agreement right now. Mr. Petrosky made a motion to accept Harris's proposal to handle the WPCA billing and mailings, Ms. Young 2nd motion passed 4-0

8. Chairman's Report: Nothing to report

9. Minutes: The meeting minutes for Nov. 2023 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Mr. Falconieri, seconded by Mr. Petrosky. Motion passed 4-0

10. Adjournment: Being no other business, Mr. Sheehan adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Smith, Director