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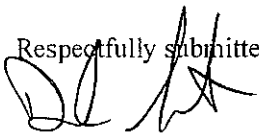
WPCA
March 28, 2023
6:30 P.M.
Police Station Meeting Room
Stonington, CT
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Rich Cody.
Members Present: James Petrosky and James Falconieri
Staff: Daniel Smith, Director and Ryan McCammon, Assistant Director
2. **Public Hearing:** Chairman Cody opened the public hearing and explained the need for a rate increase. There were no comments from the public regarding the 10% rate increase. One member from the public, who did not identify himself, asked that the budget be posted with the meeting minutes. Chairman Cody responded that the budget will be posted. Being no other comments Chairman Cody closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing Decision:** Mr. Petrosky made a motion to approve the proposed 10% rate increase. Motion seconded by Mr. Falconieri. Motion passed 3-0
4. **Contract Operations:** Veolia – Discussion/Monthly Report – Veolia project manager Rodrick Ventura and Veolia Area Manager Pete Vetter gave a summary of February 2023 operating reports and contract operations. All 3 facilities continue to be in compliance. The UV systems at all 3 facilities are now operating in auto as initially intended when the systems were installed. The 2nd MAG drum is currently being evaluated. No estimate on repair cost yet. Diversion pump is back from Hayes pump after having the impeller coated and rebalanced. Should be reinstalled in the coming weeks. Also discussed was the staffing levels and plan moving forward.
Chairman Cody brought up the carbon filter in Mystic and expressed the Boards desire to not wait until there is an issue with odors to get the carbon exchanged.
Mr. Falconieri shared his pleasure with Veolia and Mr. Vetter in particular and wanted it noted that he sees a change for the positive, from morale to maintenance and operations, since Mr. Vetter has been overseeing the Project.
5. **Public Comments:**
 - A. Mr. Leo Labbe of Naples Design & Development addressed the Board regarding the connection fee for 4 Broad St. in Stonington Borough. The Director explained how the fee is calculated in accordance with the WPCA Rules and Regulations. Mr. Labbe disagrees with the assessed fee, explained his reasoning, and asked the Board to reconsider.
Chairman Cody gave a more in-depth explanation of the connection fee and the reasons

behind it. The Board understood Mr. Labbe's position but could offer no abatement as the Board must enforce the Rules and Regulations equally.

6. **Budget Status:** 2022-2023 budget was discussed, no questions or issues.
7. **Bills:** Director requested approval for Spellman Drive P.S. and Mechanic St. P.S. to be upgraded to the Missions communication system. Quotes were provided, this will leave only two pump stations left to be updated.
Motion made by Mr. Falconieri to approve the quotes and move forward with the work.
Motion seconded by Mr. Petrosky; motion passed 3-0
8. **Projects:**
 - A. CDM Smith: Mr. Falconieri updated the Board on a meeting with CDM regarding the Board's request for more review and revision of the draft SSES report. Board also brought Mr. Petrosky up to speed as he was not able to attend the previous WPCA meeting.
 - B. NWMCC Lining Project: Director informed the Board that the contract with National Water Main has been fully executed. They can begin after April 3, and have 60 days to complete the project. No start date has been provided as of yet.
9. **Director's Report:** Assistant Director updated the Board on FOG inspections and the conditions encountered so far. The Director shared a quote from Aquatic Informatics for the purchase of FOG management software. This software will allow the WPCA to record and track FOG inspections, set scheduling for follow-up inspections and much more. Since Stonington would be a small user, we can split the software and cost with Veolia New London as they are also a small user. Mr. Vetter agreed that this is something both projects should join together on. Mr. Petrosky made a motion to purchase, with New London, the FOG software. Mr. Falconieri seconded; motion passed 3-0.
10. **Chairman's Report:** Nothing to report
11. **Minutes:** The meeting minutes for February, 2023 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Falconieri. Motion passed 2-0-1. Mr. Petrosky abstained as he was not in attendance.
12. **Adjournment:** Being no other business, Mr. Cody adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Smith, Director