



**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN OF STONINGTON**

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Stonington Police Station– Community Meeting Room
November 26, 2019
Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Co-Chairman, Peter Balestracci.

Members Present: Peter Balestracci, James Petrosky, Lynn Young.

Staff present: Douglas Nettleton, Director

2. **CONTRACT OPERATIONS**

Monthly Reports – Glen Tatro and John Marcin, representing Suez presented the monthly reports for October, 2019. He reported that Mystic had had a violation for fecal coliform and the Borough Plant had two. Reasons for the violations were discussed as well as discussion of ideas to avoid future violations. Mr. Tatro reported that Mystic was again over its design capacity for average daily flows for the month of October. The Board also discussed and noted the purchase of a rather large order (\$36,651.92) of repair and replacement parts for the three UV systems for each of the three treatment facilities. Mr. Tatro said that this could quite possibly be a yearly expenditure to maintain these disinfection systems on a year to year basis. The Director commented that perhaps it will need its own line item in future budgets.

3. **BUDGET STATUS 2018-2019**

Discussion of the budget year of 2019/20 and revenue projections.

4. **REQUEST FOR RELIEF FOR CONNECTING TO SEWER** – Request from the owners of the property at the corner of Masons Island and Harry Austin Road to install an ISDS and not connect to sewer. Given the distance from any public sewer (489ft) the Board voted to allow if such an ISDS could be designed for the planned development. Motion James Petrosky, second by Lynn Young vote 3-0 to grant exemption.
5. Motion to add item to the agenda. Vote 3-0 affirmative. Toll Brothers request to build 12 homes in their development which connection fees were excepted by the WPCA prior to the moratorium. James Petrosky made the motion to allow construction of the 12 units. Second by Lynn Young. Vote was 3-0 in favor.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director requested a vote to accept the recommendations of the selection committee to select CDM Smith as the engineering firm which we will negotiate the Inflow and Infiltration Study contract. Motion by James Petrosky to except the recommendation of the selection committee and begin negotiating a contract with CDM Smith. Second by Lynn Young. Vote 3-0 to proceed.
- B. The Director opened the conversation regarding the CIP requests by the WPCA. Lynn Young commented that the problems with our collection system can't wait to be stretched out for 5 years. To do so opens the WPCA and the Town to significant risks and should be requested in full for the WPCA 2020/21 CIP requests. This would prompt action towards a possible bond issuance which would get the pumping stations back to reliable condition in just two years. The Director agreed, responding that given the CIP funds directed to the WPCA in last year's CIP (totaling \$1.9 million) for the Diversion Line improvements and the I&I study, the Town would not be able to sustain that level of spending in this years CIP budget. This is why he presented a schedule that would allow for the repairs over the five years, knowing full well that other monies would have to be spent as emergencies surfaced at stations not selected in the first year CIP requests.
- C. Director presented the Board with a protection plan called Safety Valve a subsidiary of Aquarian Water. This is a plan that would be available at a yearly cost which would help with homers who's sewer line failed. Most people may not realize that they are responsible for there lateral and the connection to the stub which was installed at the time sewers were installed. Many of the problems with private sewer lines happen in the area of the homeowner's responsibility. This protection plan would cover those repair costs up to \$5,000. Cost to homeowners is < \$100 per year. Board members are interested but would like to discuss further at the January meeting.
- D. Discussion on status of Diversion Line improvements and comment from DEP regarding same.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – No discussion

- 8. **MINUTES:** September, 2019. No quorum for the October meeting. A motion was made by James Petrosky to approve the September meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Lynn Young and carried by unanimous vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas Nettleton, Director

1/30/2020