

WATERFORD UTILITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 12, 2022

PLACE: 1000 Hartford Turnpike

PRESIDING: Chairman Ken Kirkman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Negri and Thomas Dembek

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Nicholas Kepple, Town Legal Counsel
Staff: Neftali Soto-Chief Engineer and Jim Bartelli, Assistant Director

Chairman Ken Kirkman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

CITIZEN SESSION

Mr. & Mrs. Pirruccello of 4 Jonathan Law Court came to ask the Commission to be exempt from connecting to the wastewater system. Mr. Bartelli gave a report of the discussions he had with the residents and the sub surface test the residents hired a contractor to do. Discussion ensued and questions asked. Attorney Kepple will work with the residents on a deed restriction.

MOTION made by Mr. Negri to grant a variance on connection to public sewer requirement contingent on the septic tank being inspected every two years, seconded by Mr. Dembek.

VOTE Passed

Mr. David Morrison came to speak on his mother's behalf regarding 209 & 211 Great Neck Road about connecting into the wastewater system. Mr. Bartelli offered to come out to look at the property and offer some advice on the sewer connection.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION Made by Mr. Dembek to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting, Mr. Negri seconded.

VOTE The motion passed.

BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

The Commission reviewed the June adjustments. The adjustment report will be kept in the office for review.

EXPENDITURES

MOTION made by Mr. Negri to approve end of FY22 and July 2022 bill list, Mr. Dembek seconded.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – REPORTS & UPDATES

- FINANCIALS – WW FUND REVENUES/EXPENDITURES REPORT
The financials were reviewed. Mr. Soto reported we are still within the budget but we are still waiting on the New London Wastewater treatment bill.
- American Rescue Plan-Update on the Old Norwich Rd & Cross Rd Pump Station Rehab project.
Mr. Soto reported that the bids that came in for this rehab project were much higher than expected. There was a discussion of just concentrating on the Old Norwich Pump Station with the American Rescue funds.

MOTION made by Mr. Dembek to give staff permission to move forward with inquiring and using the American Rescue Funds for the Old Norwich Pump Station and table the Cross Rd Pump Station for a future date, seconded by Mr. Negri.

VOTE Passed

- COLLECTIONS-UPDATE
Attorney Kepple reported that collections are going well.
- BI TOWN WASTEWATER AGREEMENT
Attorney Kepple explained the minor changes that were made in the agreement. He reported that East Lyme were fine with the changes. Attorney Kepple would like to move forward and be able to put on the agenda for the next RTM meeting in August.

MOTION made by Mr. Negri for the Commission to recommend the adoption of the new Bi-Town Agreement to be accepted by the Board of Selectmen and the RTM, seconded by Mr. Dembek.

VOTE Passed

NEW BUSINESS

4 Jonathan Law Court-see Citizen Session

WATER-VEOLIA REPORT

Mr. Soto gave review of the report. He will send the Commission a copy of report via e-mail.

PLANS REVIEW

None

PERSONNEL

Attorney Kepple gave a report on the status of updating the job description for the Chief Engineer's position. He suggested that the Commission hold a special meeting next week to vote on the changes in the job description.

Mr. Soto reported that a Sewer Tech I had resigned and in the process of trying to fill the vacancy.

OTHER

Mr. Bartelli showed a video from First Selectman Rob Brule. First Selectman Brule thanked the Commission for their help and support of the Town of Waterford. He went on to thank Mr. Soto for his years of service to the Town and wished him a great retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION made by Mr. Dembek to adjourn. Mr. Negri seconded.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy L. Windle
Recording Secretary