

MINUTES OF THE W.P.C.C. MEETING

2/1/17

The regular meeting of the West Haven Water Pollution Control Commission was held on Wednesday, February 1st, 2017. In attendance were Commissioners, Brian Reichert, George Monahan, Bill Canning, Mike Betz, Peter Bontempo, Abdul Quadir, and Jack Crosby, Plant Superintendent. Brian Reichert called the meeting to order @ 6:50 pm. Brian Reichert opened up the Public Session asking if anyone from the Public wished to speak, asking a second time, and after the third time closed the public session.

Bill Canning made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the January 4th, 2017 meeting, and George Monahan seconded it. All were in favor.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee, George Monahan mentioned he is still trying to get a meeting together with the Mayor and Union leadership and Beth Sabo, to add Assistant Superintendent position. It's difficult to get everyone scheduled all together. All their calendars are full.

Jack Crosby put together the job descriptions and they were very thorough and touched on all basis. Brian Reichert mentioned that Jack Crosby did a great job. We will have Beth Sabo review job descriptions and compare to what is on file and have signed off by the Union and then we can move forward. Abdul Quadir mentioned that he filed the job descriptions with the EPA last year, because of the consent decree.

New Business

Jack Crosby mentioned that we produce more sludge here than we should be. And of course there is a cost associated with that. No one has been able to identify why we produce this much sludge. We had UNH come down and take a sample. He is having it looked at microscopically, at no charge to us. The sample has gone out today (Wednesday) and we should have results back by Friday. Brian asked if these repercussions were as a result of a transient or growing city. Jack mentioned it is organic waste. He said we are producing 25% more sludge than he would have expected. Town of Groton has a similar problem going on with their sludge. We will know more after Friday as to how we can change things. Jack said he'd like to find the root cause. Brian Reichert mentioned maybe someone dumping into the system without our knowledge.

Jack & Abdul have discussed the option of burning vs. hauling. Synagro has agreed to a 5 year contract if we need them. The centrifuge was a great decision. Abdul was big on the Centrifuge. He mentioned the Centrifuge is ready but the controls are still being worked on, possibly around April. The centrifuge will take out water and will reduce cost, 150,000 – 200,000 savings.

The Incinerator consultant said it will be 3.7 million to upgrade to EPA regulations. That may be a little high. But if we shut down completely we will lose our permit, EPA will shut us down. It will take 2 years to upgrade and modify to meet EPA regulations, EPA might only give us one year. If we shut down there is no turning back.

We need a 5 yr. capital plan, and need to submit Budget. We can call a special meeting for Budget in March. Abdul gave copies of the Year to Date Budget and we are in good shape, OT is high But we are still in good shape. We have two vacancies and fill with OT, vs. \$60,000 plus insurance if we hire anyone. Jack mentioned we are waiting on operator exam results for Jim Karcher, Cedric Westry and Ryan Festa, Robert Simard.

We have received our By Pass Pump, but we don't have the correct piping to use it. According to Paul Skerritt we can only use 4" piping due to handling. This will not be enough for this pump. We need 8" piping. It will be another \$32,000 for this piping.

Odor Control is being worked on and almost finished. We have had no Odor complaints to date.

George Monahan made a motion to adjourn @ 8:25 pm, and Bill Canning seconded it. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted.