

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

2/2/2022

The regular meeting of the West Haven Water Pollution Control Commission was held on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 @ the plant. In attendance were Commissioners, Bill Canning, Stuart Rosenkrantz, Rich DePalma, Andrea Talamelli, Abdul Quadir, City Engineer, Mark Magri, Plant Administrator, Paul Butler, Compliance Inspector.

Bill Canning opened up the Public Session @ 6:05 pm asking if anyone from the public wished to speak, and Paul Butler, Compliance Inspector, 8 Alexander Drive, West Haven came forward. Paul Butler mentioned that he had come upon the fact that the cost for City sewer hookup is only \$70.00 and he checked with other towns and in New Haven the residential hookup fee is \$3,070.00 and commercial hookups are \$4300.00. Paul Butler said we need to change the sewer hookup fees.

Also, Paul Butler has been in touch with Doug Coulter, Grants administrator, and mentioned to Doug Coulter, that our International Vactor Truck is a 2014 and we would need a new Vactor truck which, from the specs that Mike O'Brien got for new truck it would cost \$570,000 for a new truck. Doug Coulter wrote a grant for the truck which he said was approved for \$300,000. This new truck would save the City money since we spent \$352,000 from January to October 2021, using outside contractors. Mark Magri mentioned if we got a new truck we would keep the old one as a backup.

Steve Johnstone, of 168 Jones Hill Road, also addressed the Commission during Public Session. He has a concrete septic tank collapse, and would like to connect to City Sewer along with his uncle who lives at 172 and Mr. Roche of 186 Jones Hill Road. Mr. Johnstone has an estimate from Komar Construction Co in the amount of \$10,100 to do Emergency Repair. Andrea Talamelli asked why he never hooked up to City Sewer before this; Steve Johnstone said his family was on vacation when the City came around asking who wished to be on City Sewer. Mark Magri mentioned if the City paid for this hookup, and we put him on a payment plan, who is going to collect this? Finance Dept? Abdul Quadir mentioned that he needs to find out if the other 2 houses want to be hooked up to sewer also. This work would have to go out to bid. Bill Canning told Mr. Johnstone that until we get all information, he would not be able to help him tonight.

Bill Canning asked if anyone else from the Public wished to speak, asking for the second time and third and final time closed the public session.

Bill Canning asked if he could make a motion to accept the minutes from 12/1/2021, and Andrea Talamelli seconded it.

Old Business

Bill Canning mentioned that he and Robert Bruneau, new plant Liaison have been at the plant, trying to get a lot of things done that Jack Crosby left undone. Mark Magri said they are 5 yrs. behind in maintenance. Jack Crosby always wanted to handle maintenance at the plant. Andrea Talamelli mentioned that Robert Bruneau was a good choice for plant liaison, being a business owner and has mechanical background. Bill Canning said there is a dis-connect between the plant and City Hall.

There was much discussion on some of the priorities at the plant, one being the reactor building, and the odors in that building, roof beams. Mark Magri questioned if we should put a new roof on. Mark Magri mentioned the need for a new belt press. Abdul Quadir mentioned we need to address these issues as the trucking costs have gone from \$500,000 to 1 Million. Bill Canning mentioned putting the incinerator back on line but we would have to meet all the State regulations. Mark Magri mentioned that CDM was going to do a study regarding burning or hauling and incineration startup. Andrea Talamelli said we should vote on \$35,000 for getting the study done before another month goes by. It would take at least 2 yrs. to get the reactor building up and running. It was decided by all that the digesters are off the table. Bill Canning asked if we could get a motion to get the study done by Noresco for \$50,000, and Stuart Rosenkrantz seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Bill Canning mentioned that Peter O'Neill texted him, Andrea Talamelli and Stuart Rosenkrantz and said he was resigning from Water Pollution Commission.

Bill Canning mentioned he will be going in for surgery on 2/7/2022.

Abdul Quadir presented copies of the proposed 2022 -2023 budget.

Bill Canning asked if he could get a motion to adjourn @ 8:25 pm, Andrea Talamelli made the motion and Rich DePalma seconded it.

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Dahlgard