



Water Pollution Control Authority

SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present: Daniel Parisi-Chmn, Jeremy Galeota, Paul Gilbert, Shawn Koehler

Others Present: Timothy Webb-WPCA Admin., Marshall Gaston-Fuss & O'Neill, John Pare-DEML Enterprises, Peter Korbusieski & Lisa Gottier-139 Ellington Avenue

1. Call to Order

Chairman Daniel Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments

Lisa Gottier asked why the WPCA decided to extend the sewer line as far at their property. Mr. Webb stated that the WPCA extends sewer lines as far as they feel will benefit the most people in the long term. Mr. Korbusieski asked why the sewer lines were stopped at 14 Stein Rd. Mr. Webb stated that the line was put in in the 1980's and that he was not sure why. He did offer to look into it to get him an answer. Ms. Gottier asked about the benefit assessment possibly being increased. Mr. Webb stated that the last time it was increased was in 2012-13 and that by starting a payment plan with the Tax Collector would lock in the rate. She asked Mr. Webb to look into finding out if the rate can be locked in by a move of the WPCA. He agreed to check into it.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISCUSS OLD BUSINESS #5 BEFORE NEW BUSINESS #4.

3. Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2019 Meeting

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2019 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

4. Old Business:

1. 72 Windermere Ave. Outstanding Assessment

Mr. Pare found additional information regarding the State Statute on interest charged. Tim Webb stated that the Tax Collector has informed him that the WPCA has no authority to abate interest. She forwarded a legal opinion received in 2016 by the Town Attorney stating that the Board of Selectmen is the only authority in Town that can abate interest on delinquent charges.

5. New Business:

1. Authorization to Bid Sewer Projects, High Ridge and Stein

Marshall Gaston of Fuss & O'Neill stated that the specifications for the projects were reviewed by the Town Attorney and the changes have been made. He had a draft and it is ready to go. Mr. Gilbert had some concerns regarding the length of the bid form and keeping the two project separate. Tim Webb felt comfortable with the bid form as it is and felt that his staff would be able to handle the two projects as they are combined. The timing of the bid is a mandatory pre-bid meeting on August 20 with the bid opening on August 29. It is estimated to be a 6-8 week project with the final paving at the end of October. By consensus the WPCA agreed with the bid documents and timing as stated.

2. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates

Task 6 which is the extension of the sewer to the north is on hold. Task 7 was presented for Misc. Work for the fiscal year 2019-20 at the same hourly rate. The I&I task is still awaiting a response from DEEP. The wet well investigation at the Vernon PS is scheduled for later this month.

6. Administrative:

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

- i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

Grinder pump maintenance at Crystal Lake is ongoing; there were two call outs this weekend. The pump stations are running well.

- ii. Other

Rebecca is training Phil on the daily computer input.

- iii. Fuss & O'Neill Billing – All invoices are current

7. Executive Session:

1. Contractual Review

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONTRACTUAL REVIEW DISCUSSION AT 7:46 PM.

In Attendance: Daniel Parisi, Paul Gilbert, Shawn Koehler, Jeremy Galeota, Timothy Webb, Lori Smith

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:01 PM.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXTEND THE FUSS & O'NEILL CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO JUNE 30, 2020 PER TASK 7.

8. Misc. Communications- None

Adjournment

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary