

Town of Stafford
Water Pollution Control Authority
 Regular Meeting
 Monday, May 18, 2020
 5:30 p.m.

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Members Present: Chairman Scott Bonett; Paul Burns; Mandy Fisher; Roger Thomas, Dave Walsh and Allen Warren

Also present: Superintendent Richard Hartenstein, Jr.; Jane LaMorte, Business Manager WPCA

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1. Call To Order
2. Minutes of April 20, 2020
3. Chairman's Comments – Board Members Comments
4. Old Business – Rt 190 Pump Station; Mixers – Update; Filter Effluent Valve Actuator Update; Meadow Lane Pump Station Upgrade; RT 140 Manhole Raising/H2S Problem
5. New Business –
6. Staff Reports (Superintendent) – On Call Engineering – DPC Woodland Springs Review; COVID-19 Safety at the WPCF
7. Collector of Revenue Report – Review of Department Finances
8. Adjournment

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. A quorum was established and a roll call was held.

2. Minutes of April 20, 2020

Mr. Walsh moved to accept the minutes of April 20, 2020. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

3. Chairman's Comments

- Board Member Comments

Chairman Bonett stated that an abbreviated meeting would be best to circumvent any future technical problems that were experienced while members were trying to log into Zoom. He also said that board members are to state their name prior to speaking and that the meeting was being recorded.

4. Old Business

- Rt 190 Pump Station

Superintendent Hartenstein stated the project was coming into its final stages. The new pumps were in the wet well, facility is still on by-pass, new building is installed, electricity is connected, and generator is to be tested. Final groundwork is to be performed in the next couple weeks.

- Mixers Update

Awaiting arrival of mixers, electricians are ready with plan for installation.

- Filter Effluent Valve Actuator Update

Materials have arrived. Electrician to core 8 holes in the concrete floor. Project is moving forward.

- Meadow Lane Pump Station Update

In an attempt to save money, an alternate plan for upgrade was researched. A quote from Blake Equipment for a new control panel, float brackets and switches, and startup for \$13,608 was received. Electrical work would be additional.

Ms. Fisher made a motion to move forward with Meadow Lane upgrade, with a completion price not to exceed \$20,000. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

- RT 140 Manhole Raising/H2S Problems

Superintendent reminded the board that the State paved RT 140 last Fall and manholes raising was scheduled to be done now. Upon investigation of several manholes, it was found that sewage gases have eaten away at the brick and mortar of the structures. There has been an increase of \$16,000 to repair 13 manholes with this significant deterioration. There are a total of 52 manholes to be raised. Mr. Burns inquired if the iron deposits were still coming from the Ellington portion of the lines. Staff has increased cleaning of the lines and Ellington residents have been notified not to allow iron into the lines. Cause of the manhole deterioration will be looked into.

5. New Business

Chairman Bonett thanked the staff for being essential personnel that doesn't often get recognized and for keeping the treatment plant running.

6. Staff Reports (Superintendent)

- On Call Engineering – DPC Woodland Springs Review

Engineered drawings have been received for the expansion of 79 units at the Woodland Springs location, known as Phase II. Anthony DeSimone, of DPC Engineering, was requested to review the drawings because he did the review for Phase I and was familiar with the project. The review fee of \$1,500 will be paid by Woodland Springs directly to the DPC Engineering.

- COVID-19 Safety at the WPCF

Superintendent Hartenstein stated that staff is working diligently to remain compliant with COVID 19 regulations. Disinfection units have been installed at the doors, masks have been supplied and everyone has been respectful of other employees regarding social distancing.

7. Collector of Revenue Report

- Review of Department Finances

The summary of expenditures by line item was distributed. Collections have been coming in via the mail and through the online payment system.

Discussions resurfaced regarding a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to discuss upcoming capital WPCF projects and funding of these projects. Chairman Bonett offered to draft a letter to request this joint meeting, with draft letter available for review for the next WPCA meeting.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jane LaMorte
Recording Secretary

This meeting was held via ZOOM and open to the public for listening. The meeting was recorded and will be available on the Town website.