

Town of Stafford
Water Pollution Control Authority
 Special Meeting
 Stafford Senior Center
 Monday, October 19, 2020
 5:30 p.m.

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Members Present: Chairman Scott Bonett; Paul Burns; Richard Dobson Jr; Mandy Fisher; and Roger Thomas. Present via ZOOM Allen Warren.

Also present: Jane LaMorte, Acting Superintendent/Business Manager WPCA

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2. Minutes of October 5, 2020
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5. Staff Reports (Superintendent) – Plant Update
6. Collector of Revenue Report – Review of Department Finances
7. Superintendent's Position – Executive Session
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1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of AUGUST 17, 2020

Ms. Fisher moved to accept the minutes of October 5, 2020. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

3. Chairman's Comments

- Board Member Comments

No comments.

4. Old Business

- Mixers – Update

The electricians have been on site to complete requested task of pulling Ethernet cables from the control room to the panels at the tanks. The next site visit will be on October 26th with Flygt, the electricians, and SCADA support to satisfy issues with mixers working properly.

- Meadow Lane Pump Station Update

Electricians have been on site to install the meter boxes and breaker. WPCF staff dug a trench for conduit and it was installed. The Town Building Inspector has approved all electrical work. Eversource has been contacted to cut/restart power for final completion.

- Aeration Tank Paint Failure Update and Possible Action

A response was not received from the company that painted the tanks in 2012. The warranty has expired. Savy and Sons was contacted and they provided a quote for patch/spot repairing the area in tank 2 that the paint has failed, and also quotes to paint the entire tank. A spot repair would cost \$65/square foot, a delaminated section of 10' x 15' would cost \$9,750; pricing to coat the entire tank ranged from \$129,675 to 218,610, depending on the warranty and materials used. At this time, there are other areas of concern within tank 2 but the paint has not started to peel away yet.

Discussion among the members included the pros and cons of spot repairing now. Mr. Warren felt it was a lot of money for a potential temporary fix, and it would be most economical to wait and paint the whole tank in the future. Mr. Burns felt that it would be best to patch the failing paint now in order to prevent the spot from growing and to prevent possible clogged pipes from pieces that have come off.

The Board concurred in favor of doing the patch/spot repair, with a 4-1-1 consensus.

- Route 319/190 Roundabout Sewer Extension Update

The Board of Finance met two weeks ago to discuss the possible sewer line extension. While members felt this was a great opportunity, the proposed cost of \$158,000 is not budgeted for in the 20-21 fiscal year. A portion of the funds could come from sewer assessments, but with only 2 laterals being installed the burden of sharing the entire cost would be excessive. An alternate way calculating an assessment would be looked into. The procurement of hiring a contractor, having an engineer review the plans and having the installation inspected will come at the expense of the WPCA.

There was some discussion regarding the proposed diameter of sewer line extension of 8 inches. It would be connecting into a 12" pipe and prices will be obtained to change the 8 inch proposed line into a 12 or 10 inch line. The larger diameter will ensure that future flows will be able to be handled with the pipe size.

5. Staff Reports (Superintendent)

- Plant Update

A local establishment contacted the department asking for a FOG waiver of inspection due to inactivity because of COVID. Jane will contact other towns and see if they are experiencing similar circumstances and possible outcomes.

6. Collector of Revenue Report

- Review of Department Finances

No report

7. Superintendent's Position

- Executive Session

Mr. Thomas made a motion to go into executive session at 6:15pm. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

Mr. Burns made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:43pm. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

Interview questions are to be submitted to the WPCA office within the next 2 weeks and interviews will take place the week of November 9th.


8. New Business

No new business.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. and Mr. Dobson seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jane LaMorte
Recording Secretary