



Redding WPCC – Meeting Minutes

Date: November 7, 2001

Town of Redding, Connecticut

Present: J. Campbell, P. Moisio, G. Konow, R. Regan, H. Karraker, D. Pattee
Also present: N. Ketcham, June Succow of OMI, 12 members of the public

Mr. Campbell called the November 7, 2001 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room of the Redding Town Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission approve the minutes of the September 5, 2001 meeting as submitted. Pattee, Konow. Approved. Unanimous.

FINANCIAL STATUS

A financial report of expenditures dated September 30, 2001 was reviewed. The most recent revenue report, dated August 31, 2001, was also reviewed.

OMI CONTRACT

Mr. Campbell reported on a meeting with Mrs. Moisio, Mr. Hutvagner and Mrs. Ketcham for a review of the OMI contract. The group agreed to incorporate comments for a new draft. The Town's attorney will review this new draft. The approval of the contract will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

NOISE ISSUES

Mr. Campbell reported that the noise-screening wall was erected. Mr. Konow reported that Mr. Bennett is still not happy with the noise factor. He stated the wall has solved the problem by 80%, but there is still an annoying noise coming from the plant. The Commissioners were in agreement that the noise factor had to be addressed and fixed.

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission will take immediate action to analyze and correct the noise problem at the Georgetown Treatment Plant with a report back to the Commission with recommendations and estimated expense. Konow, Moisio. Approved. Unanimous.

A subcommittee of Mr. Konow and Mrs. Moisio will address the issue and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

OMI REPORT

Mr. Succow reported the Influent level is back at the high level, with an unknown cause. There is a continued concern that someone is putting influent into the system at some point. Ms. Succow reported that all manholes had been checked and they show no signs of tampering.

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The current average flow to the treatment plant is 19,000 gallons. She also reported on maintenance and repairs. The flow meter installation has been corrected.

Currently there is no way to measure the flow coming from the Meadow Ridge facility. That facility will be charged for usage based on the Bridgeport Hydraulic meter readings of water inflow.

POLICY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Mr. Konow and Mr. Pattee will work together to draft a form that would be used to gather information about the users of the system, specifically the renters. The draft will be ready for review at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Redding Town Clerk has requested a schedule of meeting dates for 2002. A draft of the dates will be prepared for the next meeting. In addition a list of members with their terms will be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Louise Pagano: addressed the WPCC concerning the fee that has been assessed for non-compliance. She stated that her usage and assessment fees have been paid. She explained she specific situation and why the hook up to the STP was not done. The Commissioners noted that the properties that were not hooked up and were considered non compliant were assessed fees. The Commission reduced those fees by 90% when the hook up was completed. There was agreement by the Commission that the fees could not be waived.

Leon Karvelis: Mr. Karvelis is a Director of the Redding Woods Homeowners Association and addressed the Commission on behalf of the group. He asked about the number of users (51 original and 23 Redding Woods), and whether there was a different rate for residential and commercial use. All users are currently charged the same rate. The Commission members pointed out that when Meadow Ridge is fully occupied and on line, the rates will be re-examined. The Commission members anticipate that the water usage rates will be reduced substantially at this time.

Ann Jackson, Redding Woods Homeowner Association: commented that the Association planned to install a sprinkler system, but will have a separate meter for that use. Since this water will not enter the STP, this meter will not be charged a usage fee.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission meeting be adjourned. Konow, Pattee. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary