



Water Pollution Control Commission Minutes February 6, 2002

Present: G. Konow, J. Campbell, P. Moisio, R. Regan, H. Karraker, D. Stroetzel, D. Pattee

Mr. Konow called the February 6, 2002 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission approve the minutes of the January 2, 2002 meeting as corrected. Moisio, Karraker. Approved. Unanimous.

Corrections: typos

FINANCIAL STATUS

The financial report from Controller Hutvagner dated 12/31/01 was reviewed.

Mr. Konow and Mrs. Moisio presented the draft of the proposed budget for 2002-2003. Discussion followed. The proposed budget will be finalized for presentation at the Budget Workshop with the Board of Selectmen on February 23, 2002 at 12:30 p.m. Board members were encouraged to attend.

OMI REPORT

Ms. Succow presented the report for January. The Effluent and Influent flow meter has been calibrated. There have been some spikes in the inflow to the plant. A resident of Redding Woods, Mr. Fisher, reported a strong septic odor around the time of one of the spikes of inflow. Upon further investigation by Mr. Konow and Mrs. Moisio, it was discovered there might be a problem caused by one of the neighboring properties. The Town Sanitarian will be asked to investigate that adjacent property and check on that septic situation.

OMI Contract has been reviewed and approved by all parties.

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission approve the OMI contract as reviewed for an annual fee of \$58,500 effective 9/1/2002. Pattee, Moisio. Approved. Unanimous.

Ms. Succow is transferring out of the project. The Water Pollution Control Commission thanked Ms. Succow for her work with the commission and wished her well. Flowers were presented. Ms. Succow's replacement on the project is Bob Sardano.

DISCUSSION OF NOISE ISSUES

Mr. Konow updated the members on the work that has been done since the last meeting. A representative of Proudfoot Co. (insulation and soundproofing manufacturer representative) visited the site with Mr. Konow. He suggested a material to be used as a cover or wrap. The cost is approximately \$1600. He could not guarantee that this would solve the problem. Mr. Konow is

checking with Metro North on the use of the existing abandoned railroad ties. He believes that these could be used to build a wall that would further reduce the noise.

SURVEY OF USERS FORM

The revised "Survey of Users Form" was reviewed. Mr. Stroetzel prepared a cover letter for the form. This "survey" will be mailed out to all property owners next week.

OTHER BUSINESS

OMI survey: Mr. Konow received a survey on performance of OMI. The survey is from an independent company and OMI contracts to have this evaluation done twice a year. Mr. Konow asked commission members to complete the survey and get their comments to him by phone or mail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Fletcher: Mr. Fletcher asked why the Commission was not willing to hire a professional to solve the noise problem. He stated that he had been complaining for 13 months and the problem has not been resolved. When asked about the presence of odors from the plant, he stated firmly that there have been no odors.

Mr. Fisher: Mr. Fisher, Redding Woods resident, sent a letter to the Commission regarding the high water bills. The Redding Woods Homeowners Association is holding a meeting on Thursday. Mr. Konow will attend the meeting as a representative of the WPCC. Mr. Fisher noted that the original plan for a sprinkler system for all the residents is currently on hold and may be dropped due to the high cost. The concept of each resident hooking up a separate water meter for either inside or outside water was discussed. Currently, each owner has a Bridgeport Hydraulic meter.

Mr. Campbell noted that several of the meters are broken or missing. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. In addition, Mr. Campbell had received comments that some of the businesses had altered their plumbing, and may be bypassing the installed meter.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary