



**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 3, 2002**

Present: G. Konow, R. Regan, H. Karraker, D. Pattee
Also present: Jorge Pereira of OMI and First Selectman Ketcham

Mr. Konow called the April 3, 2002 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission approve the minutes of the March 6, 2002 meeting as corrected. Pattee, Karraker. Approved, Unanimous.

Corrections: correct spelling of Robert Sardaro's name; the minutes approved were for February 6, 2002; under Other Business, paragraph 2 & 3, change order to odor; paragraph 2, second sentence, there was no cause for...

FINANCIAL STATUS

The financial report was reviewed. The payment of the OMI invoices was discussed. The current OMI invoices have not been paid because a copy of the contract is not on file. OMI will get a copy of the contract to the Controller.

The Commission discussed the need to set up some kind of fund for the operation of the treatment plant. This would enable to the Commission to cover expenses, provide a reserve for emergencies, and perhaps reduce user fees. This concept will be discussed further.

OMI REPORT

Mr. Pereira presented the OMI report. The effluent flow meter situation was discussed. Mr. Pattee was asked to assist with this issue. Mr. Pattee will review the specifications for the existing meters.

There were no unusual loading events during the month. Mr. Pereira reported the plant is operating fine.

UV lights are not working. The Commission was disturbed that this had not been corrected. The Commission's intent was to have these running continuously. OMI was directed to get the problem fixed. By law, these lights must be working by 5/1/02.

DISCUSSION OF NOISE ISSUES

Mr. Konow reported railroad ties are available for a wall. The Town Highway Department assisted with the relocation of the railroad ties. The wall has yet to be built. There is no certainty that this will help the problem. Mr. Konow reported the noise is bouncing off another structure. He is actively working to find a solution.

DISCUSSION OF DEFECTIVE OR MISSING METERS

Mr. Campbell provided a copy of the letter that was sent to Shane Grant of Eastern Water Development Company. The letter requested a proposal to maintain the water meters. Mr. Konow will follow up with Mr. Grant.

OTHER BUSINESS

Grainger invoices: The invoices from Grainger Co. for Ridgefield, paid in error will be re-imbursed by the Town of Ridgefield.

OMI Contract: There was a question from Mr. Sardaro regarding the contractual agreement with OMI to read the water meters. Mr. Konow will review the contract. OMI has been reading the water meters since the plant began operating.

Highland Road resident request: a resident on Highland Road requested permission to tie into the sewer line coming down from Meadow Ridge. The sewer line from Meadow Ridge is a private lateral and Meadow Ridge will not allow any hook-ups.

Photographs: Mr. Priest has a collection of photographs taken during the construction of Phase II of the plant. Mr. Konow is checking to see if the negatives are available, or what the cost would be to make copies of the photos. The photos may be helpful at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary