



**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 1, 2006

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

Also present: Bozza (Veolia), six representatives of GLDC, and Brett Messino (Meadow Ridge)

Mr. Konow called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission accept the minutes of the January 4, 2006 as corrected. Campbell, Pattee. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: page 2, under GLDC Project, #1, line 6, insert **negligible** before impact, should read “there would be a negligible impact....”

**VEOLIA REPORT**

Mr. Bozza presented his written report. The primary difficulty during the month was the GLDC locking of the access way to the plant. The “lockout” prevented the snow plow from clearing the plant area and access way. GLDC has a guard monitoring the gate, but the guard is not present “after” normal business hours, and the night person is “on call” and can be contacted by phone to gain entry. Veolia must have access to the plant at all times in the event of an emergency. Mr. Konow was given a key, to be a “back-up”. Commission members agreed that Mr. Konow should not be responsible for opening the gate for access.

Mr. Bozza reported that another pump has failed, a Flyght Pump, and the replacement will be a lager horsepower which may necessitate upgrading components of the controls.

Mr. Bozza has hired an assistant operator for the plant, Michael St. Amand. This individual also has a construction management background.

Mr. Konow asked Mr. Campbell to work with Mr. Bozza on flow meter specifications.

**REPORT ON MEADOW RIDGE ISSUES**

Brett Messino, Plant Operations Manager at Meadow Ridge, was present to report on steps being taken at the Meadow Ridge facility to prevent further issues with the flow to the plant. He reported the problem was the result of an accumulation of events, including the power outages. During power outages the grinder for the system does not operate. He has obtained quotes for a portable three-phase generator for the grinder hut and has made recommendations to the Meadow Ridge management. He expects to get a decision by the end of February.

In addition, the administration at Meadow Ridge is working on educating the residents and employees on the proper disposal of materials. More controls of supplies are in place and they should be able to track the source of the improper disposal of material. The maintenance staff is now reporting all stoppages in the residential units.

Commissioners urged that action be taken as soon as possible to prevent future problems. They also addressed the issue of a screen installation before the grinder to catch large materials and prevent them from going through the grinder and into the collection system. Mr. Messino did not think a screen was feasible.

Mr. Messino was asked to provide a report from the engineers and a response as to why the fibrous materials are getting past the grinder and into the collection system and to address the addition of a screen before the grinder.

Mr. Messino reported the grease traps are checked regularly and cleaned out regularly. He also assured the Commission that emulsifiers are not being used. Emulsifiers are prohibited.

Mr. Messino will be in contract with Chairman Konow regarding the engineer report and the progress being made.

#### UPDATE ON GEORGETOWN LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Attorney Gibbons addressed the Commission about the locking of the access way gate and the reasons why the precautions have been taken. Primarily, GLDC is protecting their property and preventing others from unauthorized dumping materials on the site. They are not denying access to the plant; a gate key holder is available "on call". Mr. Gibbons asked that the Town assume responsibility for any damage should it occur while the gate is left open. Mr. Konow reminded GLDC that the plant operator must have access in the event of an emergency and there are times when trucks must access the plant.

Discussion of a reasonable solution to the situation followed. An automatic gate has been considered, but the expense has not been approved. Following further discussion, Mr. Konow stated he will check with the First Selectman regarding the installation of an automatic gate for the access way, and he will speak with Town Counsel regarding a letter of agreement with a "hold harmless" clause.

A draft of the Letter of Agreement and Service Agreement was received. Copies were distributed for commission members to review and discuss at the next meeting

Mr. Gibbons also reported that in discussion with CL&P regarding the high power lines being installed, they had not taken into consideration the sewer system collection system or the GLDC future plans. It has been brought to their attention, and CL&P will need to go lower to get below the forced main and electrical lines. CL&P may be looking at alternate plans. Mr. Konow reported he spoke with Jeffrey Toll (CL&P) and informed him that the plans/drawings for the forced main and electrical connections were available at Town Hall. Mr. Gibbons reported that they are staying on top of what CL&P is doing so that it does not interfere with their plans. Mr. Konow will contact Mr. Toll regarding the situation.

The GLDC project is currently before three Commissions, Planning, Conservation, and a Zoning Public Hearing.

Grit removal issue: Mark Hoey of Tighe & Bond reported that he spoke with Rowland Denny regarding his comment in the November letter regarding inclusion of provision for future grit removal. Mr. Denny would like to see something on a drawing in two locations, one in the hydraulic profile and a plan somewhere/space available. He asked that a system that could be accommodated in the future. Tighe & Bond is preparing the required paperwork, and re-issue the two drawings for WPCC & DEP review.

#### REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATUS

The financial reports for January were reviewed.

The fiscal year 2006-2007 proposed budget was reviewed and adjustments were made. The proposed budget will be submitted to the Board of Finance.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Campbell reported that there may be garbage disposals installed in some of the units at Meadow Ridge. The regulations clearly prohibit the use of garbage disposals.

A brief discussion of the Planning Commission meeting regarding the change in building line on Main Street in Georgetown followed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary