



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, July 6, 2015  
4:00 p.m.

C.J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK

**Present:** First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Richard Straiton, Commissioner Valenti and Commissioner Gribbin. Also in attendance were, Public Works Director Douglas Arndt, Town Attorney Martin Lawlor, Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering for Comptroller Kozlowski, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis and Wright-Pierce Senior Project Manager Mariusz Jedrychowski, PE

**Absent:** Selectman Paul Szatkowski and Comptroller Kozlowski

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input:** None.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of June 1, 2015:**

*Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin to approve the minutes of June 1, 2015, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

**Meeting Minutes from Special Meeting of June 30, 2015:**

*Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin to approve the minutes of June 30, 2015, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

**Director's Report:** Director of Public Works D. Arndt stated project updates will be covered in Mr. Jedrychowski's report.

**New Business:**

- **77 & 81 South Street:** Director of Public Works D. Arndt distributed a letter with attachments from John Verdi, Owner, for a proposed application for sewer and water allocation. Mr. Verdi is combining 77 & 81 South Street for a residential development project and is applying for a zone change.

*Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to table the issue until the zone change occurs. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

## Old Business:

- **36 Stony Hill Road:** Nicholas Vitti and Andrew Deery, represented 36 Stony Investment LLC. Mr. Vitti distributed a letter written to Public Works Director Arndt, dated June 5, 2015, requesting sewer allocation approval. Mr. Deery gave an overview of the proposed project which contains both commercial and residential development. Mr. Vitti requested a sewer allocation of 22,350 gallons per day (gpd) which includes the residential and commercial allocation. He stated a previous PUC approved sewer allocation for the RMS project at Copper Square of 55.1 gallons per bedroom. Discussion ensued.

*First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to approve the 22,350 gpd sewer allocation for 36 Stony Hill Road. Discussion ensued.*

*First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion to withdraw the previous motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton.*

*Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti to approve the 55.1 gallons per bedroom for 169 bedrooms and 4,800 gpd for the commercial portion with the stipulation that an engineer submit clarification to the PUC that no more allocation will be required for 36 Stony Hill Road. Vote. Motion Approved. Commissioner Gribbin opposed.*

- **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:** Mr. Jedrychowski distributed a handout with attachments and reported the following:
  - **Eureka Lake Water Tank:** Mr. Jedrychowski reported a Town Meeting regarding the approval of additional funding for the project will occur on July 8, 2015. CT DPH to provide Authorization to Award Construction Contract after receipt of revised bonding resolution.
  - **Hoyt's Hill Water Booster Tank:** Submitted 30% design documents to Water Department. 75% design submittal mid-July. Planning & Zoning review in August 2015 with bid ready for September 2015.
  - **Highland/Andrews, Cindy Lane and Mountain Orchard Road Water Main Replacement:** Three bids were received on June 25, 2015. JJ Brennan Construction Corporation was the apparent low bidder. Reviewed handout summary of bids. Wright-Pierce to draft a letter for approval to the Purchasing Department requesting to award JJ Brennan with the project.

*Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to award the Highland, Andrews, Cindy Lane and Mountain Orchard Road water main replacement to JJ Brennan Construction Corporation. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

- **South Street Water Booster Station Construction:** Distributed Acknowledgement of Project Completion letter from the CT DPH. EFI will be on site July 9, 2015 to make final adjustments. The demolition of the existing station scheduled for the following week.
- **Demolition of Hickok Tank and "gray" pump station building:** Four bids were received on June 25, 2015. Reviewed handout summary of bids. Concord Environmental Construction Services was the apparent low bidder but was disqualified for not attending the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Standard Demolition Services had the next lowest bid

amount of \$70,995.00. Wright-Pierce to draft a letter for approval to the Purchasing Department requesting to award Standard Demolition Services with the project.

**Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to award the demolition of the Hickok Tank and “gray” pump station building to Standard Demolition Services for the amount of \$70,995.00. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.**

- **New East Swamp Well Field:** HRP conducted seismic refraction survey in June 2015 to locate bedrock. Distributed email handout from HRP regarding seismic results. Bedrock depth varies from 65-85 feet at the existing location of test wells (Maple Avenue wells bedrock dept is 160-170 feet) which at 1 million gallons per day (mgd) may draw surface water from the East Swamp brook. HRP to conduct test boring to verify depth to bedrock at new location near scoreboard.
- **Maple Avenue Wells (#1 and #2) – Reconditioning Report:** Wright-Pierce completed test drilling during the week of June 22. Distributed a report from Wright-Pierce, dated July 6, 2015. Good material was found. Wright-Pierce working on the application to the CT DPH to approve the location of the new replacement wells.
- **Infiltration and Inflow Study:** Meters pulled last week. Finalizing the Weston & Sampson agreement.
- **Sewer Allocation Study Review:** Draft changes to the existing sewer regulations and sewer allocation program submitted to Mr. Arndt and Attorney Lawlor on June 26, 2015.
- **CT DPH Sanitary Survey Violations:** Wright-Pierce’s conceptual layouts of the proposed improvements were submitted to CT DPH and approved. Work to be conducted in-house.

**Financial Reports:**

- **Invoices:**



**Regular Meeting July 6, 2015**

| Item # | Vendor              | Inv. Date | Inv. # | Amount      | Description  | Account                              |
|--------|---------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1      | Wright-Pierce #1024 | 6/10/2015 | 99700  | \$6,240.08  | Professional Services<br>Demo Hickok Tank & PS Bldg.<br>4/25/15 to 5/29/15                   | Water<br>Department<br>#0210160-5313 |
| 2      | Wright-Pierce #1024 | 6/10/2015 | 99701  | \$12,403.32 | Professional Services<br>Hoyts Hill PS Design Upgrade<br>4/25/15 to 5/29/15                  | Sewer<br>Department<br>#0310160-5306 |
| 3      | Wright-Pierce #1024 | 6/10/2015 | 99684  | \$7,170.00  | Professional Services<br>Eureka - Bid Construction &<br>Observation<br>4/25/15 to 5/29/15    | Water<br>Department<br>#0210160-5313 |
| 4      | Wright-Pierce #1024 | 6/10/2015 | 99685  | \$1,415.00  | Professional Services<br>Eureka Tank Asset & Fiscal<br>Management Plan<br>4/25/15 to 5/29/15 | Water<br>Department<br>#0210160-5313 |

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| 5            | Wright-Pierce #1024    | 6/10/2015 | 99689    | \$2,200.00         | Professional Services<br>South St. Pump Sta. Upgrade<br>Construction Administration<br>4/25/15 to 5/29/15 | Water<br>Department<br>#0210160-5313 |
| 6            | Wright-Pierce #1024    | 6/10/2015 | 99705    | \$3,000.00         | Professional Services<br>PUC General Services -<br>CT DPH Funding Applications<br>1/01/15 to 5/29/15      | Water<br>Department<br>#0210160-5313 |
| 7            | Wright-Pierce #1024    | 6/10/2015 | 99709    | \$2,559.48         | Professional Services<br>PUC General Services -<br>DPH Sanitary Survey Response<br>4/25/15 to 5/29/15     | Water<br>Department<br>#0210160-5313 |
| 8            | Wright-Pierce #1024    | 6/10/2015 | 99704    | \$4,207.50         | Professional Services<br>Maple Ave Well Replacement<br>Test Well Drilling<br>4/25/15 to 5/29/15           | Water<br>Department<br>#0210160-5313 |
| 9            | Wright-Pierce #1024    | 6/10/2015 | 99699    | \$8,000.00         | Professional Services<br>Water Main Improvement<br>Water Main Design<br>4/25/15 to 5/29/15                | Water<br>Department<br>#0210160-5313 |
| 10           | Martin Lawlor<br>#4077 | 6/1/2015  | 15-06    | \$178.20           | Professional Services<br>Sewer Project  | Sewer Dept.<br>#0310160-5352         |
| 11           | Martin Lawlor<br>#4077 | 7/1/2015  | 15-07    | \$22.00            | Professional Services<br>Sewer Project  | Sewer Dept.<br>#0310160-5352         |
| 12           | Martin Lawlor<br>#4077 | 6/1/2015  | 15-06    | \$874.50           | Professional Services<br>Sewer Invoice  | Sewer Dept.<br>#0310160-5352         |
| 13           | Martin Lawlor<br>#4077 | 7/1/2015  | 15-07    | \$1,353.00         | Professional Services<br>Sewer Invoice  | Sewer Dept.<br>#0310160-5352         |
| 14           | Martin Lawlor<br>#4077 | 6/1/2015  | 15-06    | \$379.50           | Professional Services<br>Water Invoice  | Water Dept<br>#0210160-5352          |
| 15           | Martin Lawlor<br>#4077 | 7/1/2015  | 15-07    | \$748.00           | Professional Services<br>Water Invoice  | Water Dept<br>#0210160-5352          |
| 16           | Martin Lawlor<br>#4077 | 7/1/2015  | 15-06-07 | \$44.00            | Professional Services   | Transfer Station<br>2410160-5313     |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                        |           |          | <b>\$50,794.58</b> |   |                                      |

***First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the invoices, dated July 6, 2015, in the amount of \$50, 794.58. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.***

- **Financial Report:** B. Heering reported a Financial Report will be provided at the next meeting. He distributed drafts of the proposed budget for the Water and Sewer Departments for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. First Selectman Knickerbocker requested this be added to the July 20, 2015 PUC agenda

**Engineering / Utility Consultant Report:**

- **Supervisor's Report:** Mr. Curtis reported on the following:
  - Graffiti was found at Eureka and reported to the Danbury Police. Mr. Curtis will get quotes on security system.
  - Abandoned trailer was found across from Farm View Court and reported to the Bethel Police. Per the Police, it's abandoned and no report is needed. Trailer was cut up and disposed.
  - Alarm system has been installed and working on the remote connection. Should be up and running this week.
  - A water main break that the Department has been tracking down was found on Crestview and repaired.
  - Mr. Curtis is working with the Building Department for Certificates of Occupancy and compiling a list of meter activations for Copper Square.
  - Aquarian Water has no record of a meter at Maplewood – 46 Stony Hill Road. The meter was located and the meter number was given to Aquarian and activated.
  - The water valve at the Police Department has been checked. It needs a second valve or a pump up system. Mr. Curtis had a pump up system that may be able to be modified.
  - Mr. Curtis reported an issue with water usage at the Summit and Bethel Meadows in regards to sprinkler. Also, the Summit is reporting issues with high phosphates in their pools which are not in agreement with the Town's water testing results.

**Adjourn:** *As there was no further business on the agenda, Commission Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Vote: All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Kathy Galbis, Recording Secretary*