



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

Monday, August 17, 2015  
4:00 p.m.

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

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**Present:** Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Paul Szatkowski, and Commissioner Valenti. Also in attendance were, Public Works Director Douglas Arndt, Town Attorney Martin Lawlor, Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering and Wright-Pierce Senior Project Manager Mariusz Jedrychowski, PE

**Absent:** First Selectman Knickerbocker, Comptroller Kozlowski and Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis

**Call to Order:** Selectman Straiton 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 August 3, 2015:**

*Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Commission Valenti, to approve the minutes of August 3, 2015, as presented. Vote, Motion Approved. Commission Gribbin abstained.*

**Director’s Report:** Director of Public Works D. Arndt reported on the following:

- He was in Hartford this week testifying for the Public Health Bond Commission. The Commission ranks all submitted state projects and the Town has four at this time.
- Eureka Lake Boiler is off the Ameresco project being that it is more cost effective for the Town to fund independently. He will have a recommendation before the next meeting.
- 55 Grassy Plain – Nothing has been resolved on the water connection for this property. Director Arndt needs to meet with Town Attorney Lawlor.

*Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add 55 Grassy Plain Street to the agenda under Old Business. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:**

- **Eureka Lake Boiler Replacement:** Discussed under Director’s Report

- **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:** Mr. Jedrychowski distributed a handout and reported the following:
  1. **Eureka Lake Water Tank:** Agreement signed on August 10, 2015. Preliminary Construction Schedule attached. Drawings submitted to the City of Danbury. Selectman Straiton expressed concerns the Commission has over blasting near the dam. Groundbreaking ceremony on August 19, 2015 at 11 a.m.
  2. **Hoyt's Hill Water Booster Tank:** Project under 90% design. Plan to submit application to Planning & Zoning by September 15, 2015.
  3. **Highland/Andrews, Cindy Lane and Mountain Orchard Road Water Main Replacement:** Digging trenches the end of this week. Highland will be first.
  4. **South Street Water Booster Station Construction:** Xenelis completed the punch list of items except for the fence. Mr. Jedrychowski noted a couple of repairs still needed to Xenelis.
  5. **Demolition of Hickok Tank and "gray" pump station building:** Standard Demolition is submitting demolition applications this week.
  6. **New East Swamp Well Field:** HRP email is attached stating bedrock is shallow at 59 feet and will not produce as much flow as the Maple Avenue Well Field. Wright-Pierce requested flow data report.
  7. **Maple Avenue Wells (#1 and #2) – Reconditioning Report:** Draft report submitted to CT DPH on August 11, 2015.
  8. **Infiltration and Inflow Study:** Weston & Sampson working on flow report.
  9. **Sewer Allocation Study Review:** Provided draft recommendations to Director Arndt and Attorney Lawlor on 8/17/15.
  10. **CT DPH Sanitary Survey Violations:** Work to be scheduled and conducted in-house.

Selectman Straiton left the meeting at 4:35 p.m. and returned at 4:38 p.m.

- **55 Grassy Plain Street:** Director Arndt reported Bruce Pierce; owner of 55 Grassy Plain Street (Village Commons) claims to have the Department of Public Works sign off on the matter but has not submitted anything to the office at this time. Discussion ensued. Attorney Lawlor to review the Public Works files and contact Mr. Doto.

*Commission Gribbin made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to continue the discussion at the next meeting. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

#### **Financial Reports:**

- **Financial Report:** Assistant Comptroller Heering distributed the Financial Reports and gave an overview.

*Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to accept the Financial Reports, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

- **Invoices:**



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Item #	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	Description	Account
1	Weston & Sampson	8/3/2015	448033	\$23,421.93	Infiltration & Inflow Study	Sewer Department #0310160-5306
2	HRP Associates #4728	8/12/2015	100878	\$5,038.81	Well Field Expansion East Swamp Aquifer Phase 1 Hydrostratigraphic Characterization	Water Depart. #0310160-5313
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$28,460.74</b>		

*Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the invoices, dated August 17, 2015, in the amount of \$28,460.74. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

**Engineering / Utility Consultant Report:** No report in Mr. Curtis's absence.

Attorney Lawlor informed the Commission that he will be having a meeting with Ann Scacco, Tax Collector, to review water shut off procedures after an incident involving a shut off at a home that was foreclosed and bank owned.

**Adjourn:** *As there was no further business on the agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Vote: All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Kathy Galbis, Recording Secretary*