



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, April 16, 2012
4:00 p.m.

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

Present: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker; Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Paul Szatkowski, Commissioner Gribbin and Commissioner Peter Valenti. Also in attendance were Utilities Superintendent Kelly Curtis; Utilities Consultant Len Assard and Town Engineer Andrew Morosky.

Absent: None

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

Public Input: None

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting April 2 2012: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Commission Gribbin to approve the minutes as presented. Vote All in Favor, Motion Approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker suggested moving the Supervisor's Report up in the Agenda. Commission agreed.

Supervisor's Report: Mr. Curtis updated the Commission regarding the following items:

- Hydrant Flushing to begin April 17, 2012 on the Chestnut side of the water system.
- The resident located on Wolfpits Road started work today on the water line for the two properties discussed at prior meeting.
- State DOT will be repaving Route 53 from Redding to Danbury this year. The State has already started with replacing storm drain tops. Mr. Curtis indicated that there are several connections to the existing but antiquated 4" lines on Grassy Plain which would be prudent to change over to the 8" main. He also recommended installation of an insertion valve Grassy Plain as there is a failed valve near the intersection with Route 302. The Commission agreed with Mr. Curtis' opinion that, unfortunately at this time, finances are not available to update the water mains. First Selectman would like a cost estimate for the work in the event grant money becomes available. Mr. Curtis noted that there are about 20 services and close to 1,300 feet of main to be completed. Selectman Szatkowski inquired about the timeframe for paving. Mr. Curtis was not informed by the State at this time.

Old Business:

Sewer Allocations – Proposed Sewer Bank Regulations:

Attorney Lawlor indicated that he only has minor language changes to the proposed sewer allocation. Mr. Assard will revise the language and send to Attorney Lawlor for review. Attorney Lawlor stated he will forward to Commission when completed.

Transfer Station State Grants Recycling Working Group Members: First Selectman Knickerbocker stated this is an informational piece which was forwarded to the Commissioners by e-mail prior to today's meeting.

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Bethel Meadows; Status Water and Sewer Construction/Improvement: Attorney Lawlor inquired about the warranty on the grinder pumps. Mr. Morosky stated that all warranties are on file. Attorney Lawlor indicated that he has to review easements and minor changes to the language in order to complete. Commissioner Gribbin inquired about the Inflow and Infiltration payments. Mr. Curtis stated that all payments with the possible exception of a few homes are accounted for. Mr. Curtis will verify the status of the final payment.

Engineering/Utility Consultant Report:

Eureka Water Storage Tank: Mr. Morosky displayed an updated rendering for the proposed water storage tank from Wright – Pierce, the engineering consultant. Mr. Morosky indicated that Wright –Pierce will also be submitting a summer rendering for Danbury’s residents to review. Mr. Morosky is in communication with the neighbors surrounding the Water Tank and has forwarded the new renderings to two neighbors for their review and comment. Commissioner Gribbin suggested that the tank be shown in a darker shade. First Selectman Knickerbocker inquired about the timeframe for the re-application. Mr. Morosky indicated that next month Wright – Pierce will be submitting the application after getting together with the Danbury residents.

Stony Hill Sewer Project – Financials:Mr. Morosky addressed the Commission regarding remaining items needed to complete the Adams Drive to Oak Ridge easement. He indicated that landscaping, services, and the driveway as well as the drainage work being done by the Highway Department still need to be addressed and Mr. Morosky will speak to the homeowners about the schedule this week. Selectman Straiton would like a budgetary analysis for the project and a bottom line number. Selectman Straiton inquired whether the Commission still owes outstanding monies to Ludlow for retainage. Mr. Morosky indicated that a budget update will be presented at the regular May meeting.

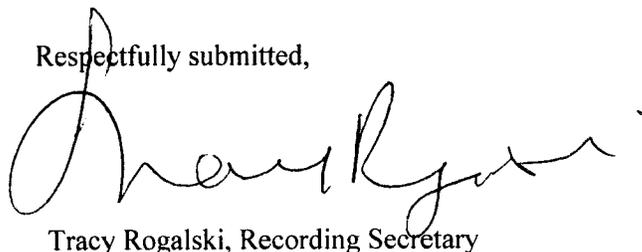
Stony Hill Road Easements: Attorney Lawlor informed the Commission he sent out all easement agreements as well as maps to the residents on Shelter Rock Road and Payne Road and indicated that he will follow up with residents, if necessary. Attorney Lawlor stated he reviewed the Steiner Property with all the trusts involved and there’s a good amount of research to obtain but within a month he should be hopefully close to completion. Attorney Lawlor also stated that there are several easements that have not been filed as well as temporary construction easements for Payne Road which did not exist. Commissioner Gribbin inquired to Mr. Morosky about the Walnut Hill pond dredging. Mr. Morosky stated that work has not started and he is coordinating with State of Connecticut DEEP at the request of the Inland Wetlands Commission. Selectman Szatkowski inquired whether the Sewer Assessments are still going out in August for payment in September. First Selectman Knickerbocker stated that the schedule is still valid for sending out the Assessments for this timeframe.

Water and Sewer Budgets: First Selectman Knickerbocker indicated to hold this subject for next month’s meeting.

Adjourn:

*Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
Vote: All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Rogalski, Recording Secretary