PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 4, 2013
4:00 p.m.
C.J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

Present: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker; Selectmen Richard Straiton, Paul Szatkowski, Commissioners Michael Gribbin and Peter Valenti. Also in attendance were Town Engineer Andrew Morosky, Town Comptroller Robert Kozlowski, Utilities Consultant Len Assard, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis and Town Attorney Martin Lawlor.

Absent: **None**

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: Town Attorney Martin Lawlor's letter to Timber Oaks Attorney regarding the sewer charge.

Commissioner Gribbin made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to add Route 302 Water Main to the agenda. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to add 75 Greenwood Ave. to the Agenda. Vote, All, in Favor, Motion Approved.

Meeting Minutes from Special Meeting October 15, 2013: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

New Business:

Old Business:

- **Transfer Station:**
  - **E-Waste;Vendor,ECO, Approval Contract:**

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First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to Approve the E-Waste Agreement with Eco International LLC. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

- **Route 302 Water Main:** Commissioner Gribbin discussed the additional costs associated with the water main that were not part of the proposal from Butterworth & Scheck. Commissioner Gribbin indicated that the total cost for the water main along with the additional 260 feet on Taylor Road is roughly $85,000.00 not $50,000.00 The Commission discussed the project .

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker to rescind the motion from the October 15, 2013 meeting regarding the Route 302 Water Main and replace it with the following motion: To hire Butterworth & Scheck (see attached quote) for the water main installation on Route 302 to extend the water main beyond the State DOT Right of Way, including installation of a tee and two fire hydrants; one hydrant at Wolfpits Road and the other on Taylor Road. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

- **75 Greenwood Ave.:** Commissioner Valenti indicated he would like Mr. Morosky to determine the Sewer Allocation for the property located at 75 Greenwood Ave.

Financial Report:

- **Water and Sewer Financials**: Comptroller Robert Kozlowski distributed the financials. The Commission discussed and reviewed the financials, which included a summary sheet for the South Street Pump Station project as requested by Selectman Szatkowski who also suggested that Capital Improvement projects be funded by an assessment bill to the users who benefit uniquely from a project. Commission members expressed their agreement.

Transfer Station Invoices; November, 2013

Item #	Vendor	Inv. Date	Amount	Description
1	Martin Lawlor	11/1/2013	$990.15	Professional Services

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton approve the invoice in the amount of $990.15. Discussion took place. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

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Item #	Vendor	Inv. Date	Amount	Description	Account
1	Martin Lawlor	11/1/2013	$1,338.65	Professional Services	Stony Hill Sewer Project

2	Martin Lawlor	11/1/2013	$363.88	Professional Services	Sewer Dept.
3	Martin Lawlor	11/1/2013	$776.28	Professional Services	Water Dept.
4	Wright-Pierce	10/14/2013	$1,197.00	Professional Services	South Street Pump Station
5	Wright-Pierce	10/14/2013	$1,060.00	Professional Services	Water Storage Tank Design - Water Dept.
6	HRP Associates, Inc	10/10/2013	$42,611.62	Professional Services	Water Dept - Level A Mapping for East Swamp Aquifer

TOTAL **$47,347.43**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to approve the invoices in the amount of $47,347.43. Discussion took place. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Engineering/Utility Consultant Report:

- **Stony Hill Sewer Project:** Mr. Morosky indicated the Adams Drive restoration work is now complete and the residents are satisfied. Attorney Lawlor stated the agreement for the property on Walnut Hill (pump station property) was sent out for Mrs. Piera's signature on October 24, 2013. Mr. Morosky indicated that Mrs. Piera wanted the sides of the spillway modified, with the stone overflow to be replaced with grass, which will be similar to what was originally installed in the 1950's. Earthmovers will perform this work after repairing a seepage problem along the spillway for the lower pond.

- **Stony Hill Sewer Project Easements:** Attorney Lawlor stated one easement has been signed and recorded since the last meeting.

- **Supervisor's Report:** Mr. Curtis updated the Commission with the following items: **Plumtrees Pump Station**; Mr. Curtis spoke to Kovacs Construction regarding the change in pumping capacity at this station and they indicated that two valves are closing due to vibration, which caused the pumps to run more frequently as they were flowing at a lower rate This is reflected in the recent high utility bills for the Pump Station. Discussion took place regarding how to correct this situation.

Depressed sewer manhole frames/covers - Route 53 Mr. Curtis met with the State DOT and a vendor regarding complaints with the low lying covers. New frames have been ordered to correct the problem and the pavement will be corrected around each frame.

Maple Ave Wells: In preparing for the Level A Mapping pump test, Well #2 was found to have a strong vibration when flowing at rates above 90%. Mr. Curtis had representatives

from S.B. Church inspect this well and they found a problem with the bowl assembly near the bottom of the well. The cost to correct this is over $21,000. The Commission discussed this and agreed that the parts necessary to correct the problem should be ordered. Mr. Morosky noted that the testing for the Level A Mapping of the East Swamp Aquifer started today, November 4, 2013, with the Maple Ave. Well #2 pumping at a steady state and the Eureka Water Treatment Plant supplying the balance of the water for the Eureka Pressure Zone.

An Eagle Scout candidate for the Boys Scouts of America will be painting fire hydrants for his community service project with other volunteers as well as photographing the hydrants and logging GPS coordinates; Mr. Curtis supplied the scout and volunteers with safety vests and checked their certificate of insurance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Rogalski, Recording Secretary