



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2008

4:00 p.m.

Bethel Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

Present: First Selectman, Burke, Selectman Szatkowski, Commissioner Gribbin, Commissioner Michaels; also in attendance were Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer; Kelly Curtis, Utilities Supervisor; Attorney William Hagan and Utility Consultant Len Assard.

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

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2008 regular meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Special Meeting March 20, 2008: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Old Business:

Proposed Sewer Regulation: Andrew Morosky and Attorney Sienkiewicz are in communication on the continuation of the sewer regulations.

Interlocal Agreement: Discussion continues. Danbury officials are presenting a figure to the Common Council that will allow the Danbury property owners along Payne Road to connect to the Bethel Sanitary Sewer System.

24 Putnam Park Road: Public Works continues working on the issue.

Financial Report: Reports were not available for the meeting.

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Engineering/Utility Consultant Reports:

Grants: Water Storage Tank: Andrew Morosky indicated the Hydraulic Model being built by the firm of Wright-Pierce is close to completion. Probable completion of tank in the ground by fall of 2009. Elevation of tank to be determined upon completion of hydraulic model and

Stony Hill Sewer Project:

Contract 2: Ludlow Construction Company has started working on the completion of phase 2 of the sewer project. URS is working on the Pumping Station which will be located on Payne Road.

Contract 3: Andrew Morosky spoke with Peter Sammis of URS in regards to Walnut Hill Road Pumping Station, further studies are required. Morosky will request that URS scope out a flood study while performing preliminary design of the proposed pumping station for phase 3, cost of the flood study has not been determined but could be approximately \$10,000, considering the work that would be included.

Easements for Contract 2 and 3: 28 Stony Hill Rd. Property owner showed no initial interest in an agreement with the town. Andrew Morosky and William Hagan to set up meeting with owner to further discussions.

Attorney Hagan indicated a total of 19 easements are necessary for Contract 3. Four easements have been signed to date.

Supervisor Report: Kelly Curtis updated the board on various issues taking place in the water and sewer Department. Paul St. Pump Station has one pump out for service. Beaver issues have become evident at Chestnut Ridge Reservoir. Piping – Updating GIS Maps for Hydraulic Modeling. Hickok tank has been closed down and will remain so indefinitely, Bethel has not been using for months and the stagnant water should not be allowed into the system. The proposed tank at the Eureka Reservoir will make the Hickok Tank obsolete. Seven Fire Hydrants have been replaced, and Mr. Curtis has a goal of replacing 5 a year.

New Business:

First Selectman Burke made motion, to add to the agenda, under new business, an item for an additional committee member for the interlocal utility committee, which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin, Vote: All in Favor, Motion Carries.

First Selectman Burke made a motion to move 46 Stony Hill Road – Sunrise Assisted Living Facility next on the agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin, Vote: All in Favor, Motion Carries.

46 Stony Hill Road: Attorney James Driscoll represented Sunrise Assisted Living Facility (Sunrise), seeking approval for connection to the Bethel Sewer System. Questions and answers took place in regards to usage and flows. Attorney Driscoll and a representative from John Meyer, Inc., the consultant for Sunrise, informed the PUC that the facility will generate approximately 8800 galloons of sanitary sewage per day, roughly 110 gallons per unit with a total of 80 units. The property sits on 6 acres that is adjacent to the Stony Hill Inn. Andrew Morosky indicated he'll need Tighe and Bond to perform modifications to their sewer capacity study to correct the anticipated volume of flow from the site. Tighe & Bond needs to indicate proper allocations for this and other properties for which erroneous data was used in the draft report.

First Selectman Burke made a motion to notify the Planning and Zoning Commission of the availability of sewer for and the approval of Sunrise on 46 Stony Hill Road with a sanitary sewer allocation of 8800 gallons

per day, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, Commissioner Michaels recused himself from the vote. Vote: All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Water Pollution Control Plan - Modification: As discussed during the Sunrise application, Tighe & Bond needs to make final modifications to their sewer capacity study in order to finalize it and incorporate the Water Pollution Control Plan into it. They have presented a scope of services to Mr. Morosky but need additional information from the Town with respect to mapping additional sewer facilities before they can provide a cost proposal. Kelly Curtis is working on the mapping that will be submitted to Tighe & Bond to incorporate in their project. Chairman Burke asked that Water Pollution Control Plan be placed under Old Business for the next regular meeting.

Water Line: Sympaug Park Road to Grassy Plan – Len Assard indicated that a private property owner approached the Town's Water Supply Plan consultant regarding the possibility of installing water main to connect the existing mains on Sympaug Park Road and F.J. Clarke Circle along Grassy Plain Street. The owner, which wishes to remain anonymous, expressed a potential interest to cost share in this project. First Selectman Burke made a motion to recommend the PUC continue negotiations with the owner to further discuss a possibility of an agreement for the installation of the water line, which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin, Vote: All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on today's agenda, First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00p.m. Vote: All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Rogalski
Recording Secretary