



SEYMOUR WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Seymour, Connecticut 06483

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**Public Hearing of the Seymour WPCA –May 7th 2012, 6pm at
the Sewer Facility with Special Meeting to Follow.**

Members Attending: John Fanotto, Stephen Chucta, Jon Livolsi, Tom Kuzia and Annmarie Drugonis

Others Attending: Carey Strout, Veolia Water plant manager, Jon Marro, Jim Galligan, P.E., Atty. Ramon Sous and other members of the public.

John Fanotto called the public hearing to order at 6:05pm.

The pledge of Allegiance was given.

Revisions to Sewer Regulations;

Jon Livolsi read the revisions to the Sewer Regulations; Sections 3.7.1 Backflow Protection Device and 4.1 Discharge of Storm Water, Etc. Prohibited in the Sanitary Sewers. (See attached).

Jim Galligan explained that 3.7.1 gives the WPCA the authority to require property owners install backflow prevention devices in their sewer laterals that do not meet the WPCA elevation requirements and have had backflow problems, and section 4.1 is to eliminate non-sanitary sewer discharges to the sewer system; non-contact cooling water and trench de-watering procedures.

With that, John Fanotto asked if there are any questions. Being none- the Public Hearing was Closed.

Special Meeting of the WPCA Board

John Fanotto called the meeting to order.

Stephen Chucta made a motion, Tom Kuzia 2nd, to approve the April 9th 2012 minutes. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Annmarie Drugonis abstained as she wasn't present for the last meeting).

First Selectman- Kurt Miller was not present, but Atty. Sous read in to the minutes a letter that the 1st Selectman wrote for the benefit of the homeowner of 7 Stoddard Street. (See attached).

Re-subdivision- Fieldstone Woods- Bryan Nesteriak (not present). After some discussion about the subdivision; **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Annmarie Drugonis 2nd, to have Jim Galligan review the subdivision for next month's agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

Jon Livolsi made a motion, Stephen Chucta 2nd, to move 7 Stoddard Street to the present. Motion passed 5-0.

7 Stoddard Street- Thomas Petronchak- Stated that he bought the house 7 years ago and had been paying sewer use , and the Assessor records indicated that the house is connected to the sewers, as did the previous owners. Mr. Petronchak wants more than the usual 3 years refund of his sewer use bills. Discussion ensued as to how the sewers in the area would have been inspected/installed during 1972. John Fanotto stated that the board follows the municipal statues that govern tax collection- 3 years refund. The board adopted this policy about 10 years ago. Since Mr. Petronchak is planning on connecting to the sewers, the board will work with him on the connection/impact/inspection charges. **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Tom Kuzia 2nd, to refund Thomas Petronchak 3 years of sewer use charges of \$547.34 and waive the Connection fee of \$450 and inspection fees. Motion passed 5-0. A copy of the Minutes will be mailed to Mr. Petronchak. Mr. Petronchak was also advised to minimize the number of bends in the sewer connection from the house.

25 Walnut Street- John Boanno- received an FOI request from this homeowner asking for records of sludge that was dumped on the transfer station. John Fanotto stated that all sludge has been shipped to Waterbury/Naugatuck for the past 15 years, and Carey Strout stated that there are not any records for sludge for the time period. Discussion ensued as to the location of the residence. Atty. Sous was directed to respond to this letter.

Veolia water reports-

4d Mountain Road- (continued from last month) - Discussion ensued about how the property lies on the border of Oxford, and Bob Looker wrote a letter to this fact. The landowners want a refund of the sewer assessment that was paid. Discussion ensued as to why this parcel of land (about 1/3 of an acre) was subdivided from the adjoining property. Jim Galligan stated that if the owners are receiving a sewer assessment then that lot existed in 1994-1995. Jon Marro was directed to write to the owners and have them appear in front of the board with a copy of the record subdivision map and present proof why they should receive a refund of the sewer assessment paid.

Maintenance/Operations- Carey Strout reported on plant operations, and noted that the Chlorine system is now online and the RAS#1 was now repaired and with backflow preventer installed.

Carey Strout notified the board that Veolia Water has online computer program that will allow the user to look at the recordings of the CCTV in the sewers. He is going to have an instructor at the plant to give 16 hours of training on this system. John Fanotto then directed that Carey Strout let the board know when the course is being run.

Carey Strout reported that a new employee is starting mid-May who has a Class 2 operator's license.

Also, Carey Strout asked the board to approve the lease of a new color copier at \$218 per month. Discussion ensued as to the benefits of black & white or color and leasing versus buying; **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Annmarie Drugonis 2nd, to lease the color copier. Motion passed 5-0.

Income report- the report was submitted to the board.

John Fanotto directed Jon Marro to have a budget workshop and invite Tony Caserta to the meeting- on June 4th 2012.

Invoices- the following invoices (see attached) were submitted to the board for payment.

Quality Data Invoice- Atty. Sous was directed to have the Town to pay this, as the WPCA does not receive any money for the administration of the Sewer Assessment.

Stephen Chucta made a motion, Tom Kuzia 2nd, to approve the invoices for payment. Motion passed 5-0.

Billing Issue – 55-57 Derby Avenue and 37 Pine Street- Jon Marro reported that the homeowner has two properties on one lot a multi-family and a converted garage, and both are on a single water meter. The meter issue was confirmed by Aquarion water. Discussion ensued about this issue; if Aquarion does put in a 2nd water meter the board would need to be notified. **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Annmarie Drugonis 2nd, to discontinue the well bill for 37 Pine Street and refund up to 3 years of the sewer bill. Motion passed 5-0. (The amount is \$550.10).

Finance Report- the report was submitted to the board.

Engineering Report- Jim Galligan reported on the Easement Clearing; all clearing is completed save a ROW off of Bunting to which access is trying to be achieved.

Brook Street – Design & specifications and plumbing surveys are almost all complete.

Manners Avenue- Contractor wants a sit-down discussion over reasonable discussion.

WPCA Regulations action; **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Tom Kuzia 2nd, to approve the change in sewer regulations 2.7.1 and 4.1 effective June 1st, 2012. Motion passed 5-0.

Peach Drive Pump station- Jim Galligan reported that there is nothing that the pump station is causing. John Fanotto stated to take this off the agenda.

Legal Report- Atty. Sous reported on the collection action.

Public Comment: None

Annmarie Drugonis made a motion, Tom Kuzia 2nd, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Seymour Water Pollution Contract Authority will hold a public hearing on the revision of Section 3.7.1 and to Section 4.1 to its Regulations on May 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comment on the proposed revisions. Said proposed revisions are on file at the Seymour Town Clerk's office located at 1 First Street, Seymour, Connecticut and reads as follows:

Section 3.7.1 BACKFLOW PROTECTION DEVICE

An approved backflow protection device must be installed in a sewer lateral whenever the elevation of the basement floor of a building is lower than the top of frame of the downstream manhole of the sanitary sewer line to which it is to be connected. Said device shall be installed outside the building, be intended for horizontal use with an access opening positioned upright and, be pitched at the same slope as the connection pipe (but not greater than 1/4" per foot). The device shall be manufactured with an extendable exterior riser pipe, and an internal insert pipe attached to a replaceable PVC flapper assembly. The exterior riser pipe shall be fitted with an adaptor cap, which, must be installed at the surface for easy access.

The Seymour Water Pollution Control Authority shall require that a backflow prevention device be installed at an existing residence when the Seymour Water Pollution Authority determines that the existing residence has a history of backflow or may be susceptible to backflow from the sanitary sewer.

Section 4.1 DISCHARGE OF STORM WATER, ETC. PROHIBITED IN THE SANITARY SEWERS

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, which is from a non-contact once through operation and which is not treated prior to or during use, or Unpolluted water, except that: (a) any water listed above

which contains pollutants regulated by this Regulation may be discharged when approved by the Authority subject to any pretreatment, flow control or other control measures and monitoring procedures as determined by the Authority, and, (b) small volumes (less than 200 gallons per day) of otherwise excluded cooling water maybe discharged provided such discharge does not violate any other provisions of this Regulation to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

No person constructing or repairing a sanitary sewer, or any building sewer connected to a sanitary sewer shall leave such sewer open, unsealed, or incomplete in a manner which, will permit storm water, groundwater, or surface water to enter any sanitary sewer. All such openings shall be tightly sealed at all points whenever work is not actually in progress on such sewer or connection.

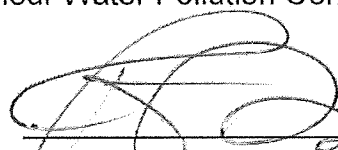
No user shall contribute or cause to be contributed, directly or indirectly, any pollutant or wastewater that will interfere with the operation or performance of the WPCF. These general prohibitions apply to all such users of a WPCF whether or not the user is subject to National Categorical Pretreatment Standards or requirements.

The hearing shall take place at the main office of the Seymour WPCA located at 732 Derby Avenue, Seymour, Connecticut.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2012

Seymour Water Pollution Control Authority

By:



Ramon S. Sous, its Attorney

Company	Invoice #	Amount	Date Paid
PSG	00014571	\$84,684.55	
Chippy's Service Station		\$2104.74	
Ramon S. Sous		\$405.00	
B & J Electric	C1317	\$150.50	
B & J Electric	pg 4820	\$1,989.03	

**W. Kurt Miller**

First Selectman

Office Of The First Selectman

Town of Seymour

1 First Street

Seymour, Connecticut 06483

May 7, 2012

WPCA Commission Members,

I apologize for not being able to attend this evenings meeting. Due to the budget meeting that is being held, I am unable to make both meetings. I did however want to provide some feedback on a situation that has arisen. Please accept this letter as my comments and kindly add them to the record for the meeting.

I was recently contacted by the Petronchak Family that lives on 7 Stoddard St. They brought to my attention an issue regarding billing for service. They have lived in their home since 2005. When they purchased their home, they were told that they were connected to town sewer. I have attached a copy of the field card that states this as well. The family from that time forward was under the impression that this information was correct, and properly paid all bills that they received regarding sewer fees.

Just before Easter of this year, they started to notice wet conditions in their yard. Upon further examination, it was determined that a septic tank was in their yard and that they were not in fact connected to the town's sewer lines. Upon realizing this, they reached out to the WPCA to seek refund for the fees that were paid. At that time, they were told that the policy was to only repay up to 3 years of fees. As you can imagine, the family was disappointed with this outcome.

I am writing to you to ask that you consider revisiting this policy. While I understand that we cannot find and fix every mistake like this, and that it may not even be possible due to costs to try, I feel very strongly that it is our responsibility to correct these issues when they are brought to our attention. In a situation like this where the town is in error, we should be taking every possible step to make the resident whole and provide them a full refund of their money. While I do understand the reasons why you have established this policy, I still feel that we should be striving for more when it comes to what we provide to our residents. I feel in this situation, dealing with this policy, we are not doing so.

I have every confidence in this board and the value that it brings to the community but felt compelled to bring this issue forth for further discussion. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Thanks

Kurt



**MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT
APRIL, 2012**

OPERATIONS

The Seymour WPCF was in compliance in all of the monitoring parameters through the month of April, 2012. Here is some relevant data.

Total Nitrogen in the influent: 243 pounds per day
Total Nitrogen in the effluent: 37 pounds per day
Percent Removal 84%
2012 Nitrogen Permit Monthly Limit is 64 pounds per day

Total Phosphorous in the influent: 5.3 mg/l
Total Phosphorous in the effluent 2.3 mg/l
Percent Removal 56%
Ortho Phosphorous in the effluent: 2.1 mg/l
Proposed Permit limit 0.86 mg/l

Average Flow 1.09 MGD

SIGNIFICANT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY

Plant repair and maintenance items include the following:

- Changed chlorine contact tank
- Cleaned algae from both clarifiers
- Added a push water line to the chlorine system
- Repaired plant water pump
- Calibrated the D.O. meter
- Installed a backflow preventer to #1 RAS pump

COLLECTION SYSTEM

- Checked all pump stations
- Investigated the sewer connection at Stoddard Street, dye test twice
- Responded to several call before you dig

SAFETY

- Monthly safety training
- Yearly fire extinguisher check
- 9,975 days without a lost time accident

Respectfully Submitted to the WPCA Board Members: John Fanotto, Chairman, Steve Chucta, Jon Livolsi, Tom Kuzia and Annmarie Drugonis

Veolia Water North America

Carey Strout
Plant Manager



Monthly Cash Breakdown							Apr-12	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Dumper</u>	<u>Insp. Permits</u>	<u>Copies, Misc & App.</u>	<u>Contractor Reg.</u>	<u>Sewer Impact</u>	<u>SEWER USEAGE</u>	<u>Deposit Amount</u>	
4/2/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190.93	\$190.93	
4/3/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 656.03	\$656.03	
4/5/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,747.93	\$6,747.93	
4/6/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 590.00	\$590.00	
4/9/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,170.30	\$26,170.30	
4/11/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 954.48	\$954.48	
4/12/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,833.33	\$61,833.33	
4/13/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 498.50	\$498.50	
4/16/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,267.06	\$37,267.06	
4/17/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143.50	\$143.50	
4/18/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,700.06	\$24,700.06	
4/19/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407.75	\$407.75	
4/20/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,647.17	\$106,647.17	
4/23/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,961.66	\$27,961.66	
4/24/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,827.02	\$5,827.02	
4/25/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435.75	\$435.75	
4/26/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,421.55	\$75,421.55	
4/27/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,606.76	\$27,606.76	
4/30/2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,186.35	\$48,186.35	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$452,246.13		
						Grand Total	\$452,246.13	

April 3, 2012

Town of Seymour

WPCA

July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012

	Cash Balance 4/30/2012	398,883.64
	Reserve Acc	129,495.57
April		
Monthly Summary	Deposits	459,400.02
	Interest	43.54
	transfers in GF	-
	TOTAL	459,443.56
Monthly Summary	Payments	
	US Filter	99,738.71
Cap Improvement	US Filter	
	B&J Electric	
	Jarvis Electric	1,299.67
	Best Welding	
	JW Racing & fabrication	
	Nafis & Young	
	Northwest water maint	4,900.00
	Sey Police	
	Komar	
	Ralph Mann & Sons	
	R.S. Site and Septic	
Engineering	Nafis & Young	4,597.88
Legal	Raymond S. Sous	922.50
Legal	May & Kulas	
legal transcript	Roberta Oson	
	Conn Professional Services	
	Jim Weed's landscaping	
Misc	Bank Charge(Deposit Slips& cks)	43.75
	Ct DEEP	
	CT Dept Public Safety	
	Madis F	
	Seymour Energy Services	
	Metro North	
	Quality data	426.45
	due from Gf	
	TOTAL	111,928.96