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**The Seymour WPCA Regular Meeting Minutes – November
10th, 2009- 6p.m. at the Sewer Plant.**

Members Present: John Fanotto, Stephen Chucta, Lou DeBarber, and Jon Livolsi.

Members not present: Charles Bellavance

Others present: Carey Strout, Vcolia Water Plant Manager, Jon Marro, Attorney Richard Bruchal, Jim Galligan, PE, and other members of the public.

John Fanotto brought the meeting to order at 6:00pm

The pledge of Allegiance was given.

The revised minutes of the September 1st 2009 were reviewed and will be sent to Town Clerk for posting. **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Lou DeBarber 2nd, to accept the revised September 1st 2009 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

Stephen Chucta made a motion, Jon Livolsi 2nd, to accept the October 6th 2009 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

Jon Livolsi made a motion, Lou DeBarber 2nd, to move item #9 (4 Manners Avenue) before item #4 (21 Pershing Avenue). Motion passed 4-0.

4 Manners Avenue- Carey Strout described the events surrounding a sewer blockage affecting 4 Manners Avenue. They found a lot of grease in the sewer line and there is a sag in the sewer line that acts as a trap for said grease. After the sewer line was cleared, Carey Strout inspected, took photos of the basement (given to Atty. Bruchal) and Servpro was called to disinfect and remove the sewage affected items in the basement. There was 260' of finished basement to be disinfected and asbestos flooring tiles (confirmed by Nafis & Young asbestos specialist) that needed to be removed. Two property owners (13 & 10 Manners Avenue) called about water splashing from their toilets due to the clearing of the sewer line. Servpro made an attempt to cleanup the two properties, but both property owners told Servpro they were not in need of their services. Carey Strout reported that both assessed some damage due to sewer water, and the owners asked about compensation and were asked to attend the WPCA Board meeting to address this.

13 Manners Avenue- (Thomas Kort) Homeowner described situation, how his mother cleaned up the mess and water damage in bathroom. Asked why this happened again

(last time in 2003) since the house is situated 10 feet above the sewer line. Carey Strout explained that since the 1950-1960's the plumbing codes have changed and back then the vents are smaller and don't allow for enough air to escape so it blows the water out of the toilet.

10 Manners Avenue- (Heather Plantamura) Homeowner described how there was a large amount of water from her toilet, even the ring under the toilet has to be replaced. She also described the calls she made about this incident, how worried she was about her wood floors and that it wasn't her dumping grease down her sink. She turned away Servpro because she was told (by Servpro) that if they were to disinfect her house, she would have to stay in a hotel. Homeowner also complained that a sewer operator (name unknown) told her that "it was all in her mind" and wouldn't enter in her house to see the water. John Fanotto recommended that she speak to Carey Strout at the sewer plant about this.

John Fanotto then stated that the amount of grease that caused this is not normal household grease but from a commercial kitchen (illegal) that is running on that street. He urged the homeowners in attendance that if they know or see of anyone that is running such an operation that they should call, in confidence, the sewer plant.

Jon Livolsi recommended that backflow preventers be placed on these homeowners' laterals. John Fanotto agreed and informed the homeowners that this should be done, so as to prevent any further reoccurring problems prior to fixing the sag in the sewer line (around springtime). The sewer line will be rebuilt (approximately 120'), backflow preventers will be installed, and \$250 will be paid to the homeowners of 10 and 13 Manners Avenue to cover losses.

Jon Livolsi asked if \$250 each was acceptable (both homeowners responded yes), and if the WPCA has permission to install the backflow preventers on their laterals (both homeowners responded yes). John Fanotto directed Carey Strout to arrange this and the WPCA will notify the homeowners prior to actual installation. John Fanotto described that the backflow preventer is installed in the lateral and acts like a check valve on water going up the lateral. **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Lou DeBarber 2nd, to pay the homeowners \$250 and authorize the installation of the backflow preventers on 13, 10 and 4 Manners Avenue. Motion passed 4-0. Discussion then ensued about the 4 Manners Avenue cleanup, and how the cleaned out boxes, clothes, etc, will be removed and how much grass would be disturbed by the installation of the backflow preventers.

John Fanotto then directed Jim Galligan to the redesigning of this section of Manners Avenue and set this up to go out to bid. Action Item: Jim Galligan.

Atty. Bruchal notified the Insurance Agency with the photos of 4 Manners Avenue and the Town of Seymour, in particular Bob Looker about the apartment in the basement which is being rented out.

Carey Strout also presented to the board the printout of the sewer use bills for 4 Manners Ave.; \$755.20 (as of October billing). This is to be subtracted from any settlement for this matter. **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Lou DeBarber 2nd, to authorize Jim Galligan to research and setup bids for the repair of Manners Avenue (120' section). Motion passed 4-0.

21 Pershing Avenue – Nicholas Halko. Atty. Bruchal completed title search and the sewer easement in the rear of Mr. Halko property was TV'd. Discussion ensued about

how Connecticut Light and Power will have to be told that this is an easement by prescription since the sewer line has been in use for 40 years. John Fanotto stated that there was the intention of an easement, but it just never got filed on the land records. CL&P will be contacted about this; new drawings of the sewer easements will be made. **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, **Lou DeBarber 2nd**, to accept the sewer and to have Jim Galligan and Atty. Bruchal write a new easement description, contact CL&P and make new drawings, respectively. Motion passed 4-0. John Fanotto directed that a copy of the new easement map drawing be mailed to Mr. Halko. Atty. Bruchal presented a map that was on file from 1918, and John Fanotto (after perusing this map) asked if 47-4 was on the land records. Atty. Bruchal will look into this.

2010 WPCA meeting dates- After the review of the dates, **Stephen Chucta** made a motion, **Jon Livolsi 2nd**, to approve the 2010 Meeting Dates. Motion passed 4-0.

Vcolia Water reports-

Carey Strout reported that the D.O. control system is giving good results with nitrogen removal efforts. The sump pump in the digester building was installed. Carey Strout reported on the North Main pump station situation and the by pass into the swamp caused by this. Upon investigating this, it was found that the sewer was flowing from North Main pump station to Garden Street then back to North Main Street and ending in North Main pump station again. This was resulting from lines that had not been properly abandoned/capped in the area. Carey Strout reported that there were problems with the Scymour Police Department as an off-duty officer shutdown the sewer crew's work because of traffic concerns, but the traffic was being routed around the area properly already. As it was in front of John Fanotto's residence, he witnessed the whole matter in question and the off-duty officer was in civilian clothes and a civilian car. The sewer crew did not know if this was a police officer or not and as such had to stop work at the site and direct traffic around the area. Later on, as the sewer operators were trying to locate the source of the flow, a manhole on the Evening Star sewer easement revealed a tremendous amount of infiltration from the area which added to the problem. Carey Strout also found a water spray in the side of the manhole on Nichols Street; the Aquarion water company did not find any water leak from its pipe nearby. Carey Strout called for two pump trucks for the North Main Street to clear the area of all of the excess water and sewage. Backups were found in Nichols and Garden Street and were cleared; this in turn mitigated the situation at North Main pump station but revealed the water infiltration problems. John Fanotto commended Carey Strout and his operator for their actions in this matter. Carey Strout then stated that all of this points to the fact that on Evening Star easement there isn't any access to it. Jon Livolsi then asked Jim Galligan for an update on this; the sewer easement maps have been properly printed out and given to Atty. Bruchal. Atty. Bruchal then asked for a meeting with Jim Galligan to review and clarify the sewer maps. John Fanotto then discussed a possible plan to fix this infiltration problem in the Evening Star area, by abandoning a portion of the sewer line. Discussion ensued about the high amounts of flow coming to a particular manhole in the area. Jim Galligan suggested that

the board include this with the Manners Avenue so that both would be on the same bid. Discussion ensued about the location of the manhole in question. Carey Strout then asked the board for authorization to purchase a Raw Sewage pump (VFD) for the main pump house to replace an existing and obsolete VFD. The new drive would cost about \$5,000 installed. Carey Strout explained that at peak flow, the plant runs 2 pumps, and a backup is needed in case one fails. Lou DeBarber made a motion, Stephen Chueta 2nd, to authorize the purchase of the VFD. Motion passed 4-0.

Engineering Report- Jim Galligan wrote an addition to the WPCA Regulation for the use and installation of backflow preventers. Discussion ensued about the wording of the addition.

A public hearing was proposed for December 6th at 6:00pm for regulation change 3.7.1. **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Stephen Chueta 2nd, to have a public hearing on the WPCA regulation change to section 3.7.1 on December 6th at 6pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Action Item: Atty. Bruchal – posting of the Public Hearing, Jim Galligan - write up the regulation change.

Easement Encroachment- John Fanotto directed Atty. Richard Bruchal to get a letter made and sent to the homeowner of 19 Evening Star.

Action Item: Atty. Bruchal.

Notice to First Selectman- Jim Galligan showed the board the list of the sewer easements and a map printout of the easements to be cleared that was given to the First Selectman. Then, Jim Galligan handed to the board a letter from the First Selectman that states that the WPCA board has to go to the Wetlands Board and that all the information given should be presented at a Wetlands board meeting. Discussion then ensued about this matter. John Fanotto then stated that the First Selectman's correspondence is unacceptable to the WPCA and directly conflicts with the input he provided on September 1st (WPCA) meeting. Jim Galligan was informed that if he is at the Wetlands meeting, that the WPCA has no intention of complying with the First Selectman's letter. Both Atty. Bruchal and Jim Galligan were not consulted prior to this letter being handed to Jim Galligan

Jim Galligan then returned to Evening Star water infiltration- he requested that Carey Strout TV the sewer line in question. John Fanotto directed that this should be done, and look in all directions in the sewer line.

GIS- Jim Galligan reported that it needs to be updated with some sewer easements, and John Fanotto stress that this needs to be completed very quickly.

Stephen Chueta then left at 7:12pm

Jim Galligan then left at 7:16pm

Legal Report –

Atty. Richard Bruchal reiterated what was previously discussed on Manners Avenue and the letter of encroachment.

Income report- Jon Marro submitted this to the board. Currently collections are at approximately 81 percent. John Fanotto directed Jon Marro to run a report of persons that owe over \$1,000 in January.

Finance report- this was submitted to the board.

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

Jon Livolsi made a motion, Lou DeBarber 2nd, to accept the invoices for payment. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment- None

Carey Strout then brought up a matter of importance with ADS at 770 Derby Avenue. **Jon Livolsi** made a motion, Lou DeBarber 2nd, to add ADS to the agenda. Motion passed 3-0.

ADS at 770 Derby Avenue, Seymour, CT

Carey Strout reported that an engineering firm retained by ADS, contacted him about a permit to discharge. Carey Strout recommended ADS to contact CTDEP. After which, ADS sent a car wash permit application to be signed by Mr. Strout. Research of old files revealed that the site has a silver recovery machine in the building.

Then the permitting Division of CTDEP was contacted by Carey Strout as he disagreed with the type of permit that should be given for ADS' operation, and was told that he should inspect the facility, let ADS know about the proper permit under "self compliance guidelines".

After some discussion the board wanted Carey Strout to; Facility Inspection, check the floor drains, oil/water separators, maintenance of the floor drains and sample the water for metals.

Jon Livolsi made a motion, Lou DeBarber 2nd, to have Carey Strout inspect (as above) and water sampling as necessary of ADS at 770 Derby Avenue. Motion passed 3-0.

Lou DeBarber made a motion, Jon Livolsi 2nd, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Motion passed 3-0.

The following invoices were submitted to the finance department for payment on November 12, 2009

Company	Invoice #	Amount	Date Paid
PSG	7013572	\$89,486.55	
Nafis & Young	418-09	\$1,138.25	
Nafis & Young	370-09	\$78.50	
Richard Bruchal		\$3,250.00	
Richard Bruchal		\$250.00	
Republican American		\$97.44	
Seymour Police	11769	\$284.07	
Seymour Police	11781	\$302.57	
Seymour Police	11786	\$248.28	
Komar Construction	10	\$4,550.00	
Caldon, INC	12747	\$6,250.00	
Traver IDC	R52468	\$5,040.46	
Traver IDC	R4872	\$5,087.00	
Best Welding	835	\$1,980.00	
PJS, LLC dba Introl	09-228-10	\$9,172.00	
Flomotion System INC	00003518	\$5,033.77	
Servpro	2237179	\$12,773.10	
Zehnder & Zehnder	10186	\$2,625.00	