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MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Grande, Sr., Chairman
Nick Mastrangelo
Michael Visnic
Michael Richetelli
C Robert Sigler

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Brinton, Town Engineer
Art Williams, Treasurer
Mr. Mark Barrows, Project Manager, Veolia Water North America

Chairman Grande called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Veolia Operations and Management Report: Chairman Grande invited Mr. Barrows from Veolia Water North America to report to the Commission. Mr. Barrows proceeded to review the company's recent monthly activity reports and discussed any issues with each pump station that had occurred.

WPCA Policy on Sewer Backup Claims: Mr. Brinton questioned the Town's policy on sewer backup claims, in particular one problem area, Bull Hill Road. A short discussion ensued wherein it was agreed that this issue will be addressed in a future meeting. Additionally, Mr. Brinton noted the recent backup at 111 Post Road and invoices submitted by Goodies Restaurant for reimbursement for grease trap pumping expenses incurred. Discussion continued regarding the WPCA's policy on backups and cleaning expenses. Mr. Brinton will check with area towns regarding their policy; however it was the consensus that the Town is not responsible for grease in sewer lines and the responsibility falls on the establishment. Discussion continued wherein Chairman Grande ruled that the WPCA is not responsible for the grease in the sewer lines and will not reimburse the establishment for its expenses. Mr. Brinton confirmed that he will advise Goodies Restaurant of the WPCA's decision.

Draft Capital Improvement Plan: Mr. Brinton reviewed the draft capital improvement plan with the Commission and noted that, in his opinion, everything can be done without a large rate increase. Chairman Grande noted the total cost would be approximately \$100,000 and questioned Mr. Williams if the WPCA can cover this expense in the '21-'22 budget. Discussion ensued.

CBYD Mark-Outs: Mr. Brinton reviewed his email regarding CBYD policy with the Commission citing increases in CBYD calls and corresponding expenses. A discussion ensued wherein Chairman Grande noted that the Commission needs a plan in place and the budget will need to be adjusted.

Sewer Area/Sewer Avoidance Area: Chairman Grande addressed Attorney Marino regarding the Town's sewer avoidance zone. Mr. Marino explained that, if a developer is interested in certain parcels within the "zone", a public hearing would be needed to remove said property from the Town's sewer avoidance zone. He noted that he believes he has a map for the sewer avoidance zone that was used previously and will get a copy to the Chairman. Discussion continued. Attorney Marino confirmed that a sewer cannot be brought in until the sewer avoidance zone is modified and further noted that West Haven would need to be involved in this process.

Budget: Mr. Williams distributed copies of the trial balance and budget for review and discussion. He reported revenue is going well. He further noted that he hasn't heard from West Haven regarding final bills from last year.

With no further discussion necessary, a motion to adjourn was made by Commission Richetelli and seconded by Commission Mastrangelo; the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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cc: WPCA Members, Town Treasurer, Town Engineer, Sylvie Napoli
