

CITY OF MILFORD  
SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 26, 2013

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proposed restaurant is on Daniel Street across the street from Stonebridge Restaurant. They are proposing a full kitchen and there is an exterior grease trap already installed. Mr. Macaluso and Mr. Ciardiello went over the proposed plan of the tables and chairs and bar area and Mr. Ciardiello said he can live with this model. It is his business model.

Chairman Carroll asked if the grease trap was an AGRU?

Mr. Macaluso responded no. it is an exterior 1000 gallon grease trap. It was installed by the previous owner and it was inspected by the City of Milford. It is definitely there.

Chairman Carroll asked if there were any questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Collier asked what the size was of the existing Eli's on Whitney in Hamden.

Mr. Ciardiello replied it is around 6,000 SF.

Commissioner Collier asked what size this proposed restaurant is.

Mr. Ciardiello replied he believed it was around 3,000 SF.

Commissioner Collier asked how many seats are in Hamden compared to this proposal for Milford? You are showing 40 seats plus the bar and outside seats in Milford.

Mr. Ciardiello replied we have around 110 seats in Hamden but we have a pizza place in Hamden that is the same size as this and we have one in Branford that is bigger than the one in Hamden. He continued that he is doing what he needs to do in the space that he has available to him.

Vice-Chairman Anderson asked if the side property was City property.

Mr. Ciardiello replied that it is city property and that there used to be a lease in place that has expired. He put the usage of the property on the plan so that he didn't have to come back through the process again for the outside patio. He plans on asking the Mayor for the lease again for this space.

Commissioner Collier asked if he was talking about the green space between him and Café Atlantique.

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Mr. Ciardiello responded they have a leased space patio and he is hoping the City does the same for him. It is obviously seasonal downtown. He is not sure if he will open for lunch in the winter. The patio would be nice in the summer months.

Commissioner Collier asked if he was looking to make this proposed restaurant be like the Eli's on Whitney.

Mr. Ciardiello replied "Yes, Daniel Street will model the Eli's on Whitney in Hamden."

Commissioner Collier asked Mr. Macaluso if he was okay with this proposed project.

Mr. Macaluso responded that he was okay with this. This plan meets the seating and the calculations for water usage. He spoke to Mr. Ciardiello about his business model and entertainment and this is it.

Commissioner Collier asked if this would have been administratively approved if not for the amount of interest in this project.

Mr. Macaluso responded "Yes, it would have. There was some misunderstanding the way it was presented".

Commissioner Collier asked Mr. Ciardiello when he anticipated opening.

Mr. Ciardiello responded that he bought this property in November 2012 and here he is today still not through Planning and Zoning. He didn't want to guess. He would like to have opened yesterday. He thought he had done his homework and spoke to everyone before he bought the property but no one told him about the Sewer Commission. He hasn't had this problem in other towns. He didn't know the process he thought his architect would take care of this.

Chairman Carroll told Mr. Ciardiello that the Sewer Commission did not want to be an obstructionist they just needed some questions answered so that no one could come back and say that special permissions were given.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the plan as submitted for 21 Daniel Street Proposed Eli's Restaurant. Vice Chairman Anderson made the motion to approve the plan as submitted for the proposed new Eli's Restaurant. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Carroll wished Mr. Ciardiello good luck and welcomed him to Milford.

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NON-CONFORMING APPLICATIONS (PETITIONS)

None

TABLED APPLICATIONS

None

WESTCOTT AND MAPES, INC.

Indian River Interceptor Replacement, Phase 2 - ReBid

- A. Mr. Macaluso reported two bids were received on June 20, 2013, from R. Camputaro & Son Excavating Co. for a base bid of \$4,398,805.00 and Complete Construction Co. for a base bid of \$8,443,395.00. Mr. Macaluso showed the Commissioners the breakdown of the bid items as they went over the unbalanced bid. After review of the bids, Mr. Macaluso recommended the Commissioners reject the bids in the best interest of the City, because it appears the bids are unbalanced, way above the Engineers estimate and there is not enough funds in the account to award the project. Mr. Macaluso suggested that they review and rebid the project in the future.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to reject the bids because they were unbalanced and to rebid the project in the future. Commissioner Collier made the motion to reject the bids and rebid the project in the future. Vice Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. High Street Sanitary Sewer Upgrade

Mr. Macaluso reported that the final milling and paving work for High Street, North Broad Street and South Broad Street (Rte. 162) was completed on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Contractor's Application for Payment No. 9 has been reviewed and certified by Westcott and Mapes in the amount of \$48,538.02, and Mr. Macaluso respectfully requested approval of payment to Complete Construction Co.

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C. New Haven Avenue/Rosemary Court/Grove Street Infill

Mr. Macaluso reported that Camputaro installed the Grove Street Pump Station wet well and continued installation of 8" PVC sanitary sewer on Grove Street. The contractor is putting a new superintendent on the job on Monday. The job is going very slow. It is a difficult job.

The Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 has been reviewed and certified by Westcott and Mapes in the amount of \$118,393.59, and Mr. Macaluso respectfully requested approval of payment to Camputaro.

D. Infill Project No. 1

Mr. Macaluso reported that Complete Construction Co. installed the new 8" PVC sanitary sewer and building laterals for the Riveredge Drive private sanitary sewer easement. He further reported that the RWA completed installation of their new water main on Seabreeze Avenue and Complete Construction can now proceed with the new sewer installation at this location.

Mr. Macaluso presented a breakdown of the actual time spent for borings, easement mapping, design and construction over-site to extend the sanitary sewer line from Roller Terrace to the White Oaks pump station approved by the Sewer Commission at their meeting held March 27, 2013. He thought the sewer was fully designed by Mr. D'Amato's engineering firm but it was only designed for Planning and Zoning approval not construction, so Westcott and Mapes had to have more borings done, additional survey and prepare final construction plans. Mr. Macaluso respectfully requested approval of an amendment to his contract of \$ 12,542.00 as presented.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the amendment to Westcott and Mapes contract in the amount of \$12,542.00. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Anderson to amend the contract for Westcott and Mapes by \$12,542.00. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Contractor's Application for Payment No. 6 has been reviewed and certified by Westcott and Mapes in the amount of \$169,405.55, and Mr. Macaluso respectfully requested approval of payment to Complete Construction Co.

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E. Infill Project No. 2

Mr. Macaluso reported that Westcott and Mapes continues with planning and design.

Consulting Engineer's Report

None

Chairman Carroll thanked Mr. Macaluso for the great job he did on negotiating with the Regional Water Authority to move their water main on Seabreeze Ave.

Mr. Macaluso responded that the RWA chief operating officer has directed his engineers to work directly with Mr. Macaluso in the future on any other water main conflicts instead of going through their consultants.

AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.

West Avenue and Gulf Pond Pump Stations

Work completed and in progress has been at both West Ave P.S. and Gulf Pond P.S:

- C.H.Nickerson followed up with warranty work to inspect and attempt repairs on the West Ave Pump #4 leak at the suction 90° bend. They were unable to repair the leak but ordered materials in order to do so. The materials are subject to arrive in approximately 8 – 10 days. At that time the repairs will be scheduled.
- The Valve packing was swapped out at Gulf Pond on the 20" GV and was successful. Also tested the force-main drains during this operation and everything worked well overall.
- Allagash, (sub to CHN), replaced the actuator head / PCI card inputs and tested the 20" GV valve under warranty, so this is a new component. During the testing a needed time delay was incorporated by Knapp Engineering (instrumentation sub to CHN). This work was completed June 12<sup>th</sup>. The delay was set to 5 minutes.
- C.H. Nickerson has been scheduled to check out the HVAC system at West Ave. This work will be coordinated with the future pump #4 repairs.

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- The clock gauges on the con-vaults were also calibrated to match both digital indicators at both Gulf Pond and West Avenue PS's.
- C.H. Nickerson and Knapp are preparing the final wiring record documents and a CD of this final control program for AECOM's review. When final, it will be given to Jim for future use/record (i.e., a spare program).
- C.H. Nickerson, Knapp and AECOM investigated pump cycling at both stations reported by Lou and Jim; It appears the wet weather during the week of June 10, was just at the point between the lead and lag pumps. Set points were adjusted for stop and start points on lead/lag pumps. This was successfully tested.
- C.H. Nickerson/Knapp/AECOM will also follow with additional operator training/review on site of these control enhancements/fine tunings as required.
- Record drawings prepared, comments made and these will now be finalized.

B. Welchs Point and Rock Street Pump Stations

The design for this project is complete and awaiting a schedule for approval process to advertise the project for bids.

USER FEE REVISIONS/ASSESSMENT REVISIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

WASTEWATER REPORT

Mr. Cooper presented the following report to the Sewer Commission. He informed the Commissioners that there were heavy rains in the past month. Wastewater crews repaired the manhole in the marsh near Calf Pen Creek. There was a lot of infiltration into the sewer system through that damaged manhole. It appears that the flow has been reduced but we will see during the next rainy weather or in the fall if it makes a difference with the flows.



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Wastewater Report Continued

Plants

Both Wastewater plants performed well in the Month of May producing a good effluent.

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. We have finished clearing all the sludge from the primary tank, hopefully taking care of all odor issues. At the Beaverbrook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed.

Collection System  
Pump Stations

Scheduled maintenance was performed at the following pump stations: Viscount Drive and Adams Avenue.

Other Duties performed by pump station crews:

1. The #2 VFD cooling fan was replaced and the outside water spigot was repaired at the Gulf Pond Pump Station.
2. The #1 check valve at the New Haven Avenue Pump Station was temporarily repaired while new parts are on order.
3. The 14" force main at the Boston Post Road Pump Station had a leak that was in front of 714 Boston Post Road and was repaired.
4. The chain link fence at the Captain's Walk Pump Station was repaired.
5. All generators were tested under load; two would not start and had to have the batteries replaced.
6. All stations had ground maintenance performed.
7. We cleaned out three wet wells and cleared clogs from four pumps.

There were five (5) alarms at pump stations in May: Two for power outage, two for high water and one for control power.

Sewer Maintenance

Sewer Maintenance answered ten complaints.

Sewer Maintenance crews performed scheduled maintenance at five trouble sites citywide: #14, #16, #34, #35 and #44.

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Wastewater Report continued

Scheduled maintenance was performed by Sewer Maintenance crews on the following equipment: changed the oil in the old jet truck and cleaned and restocked the dig truck.

There were three sewer excavations in May: 64 Wilcox Road, 221 Merwin Avenue and the end of Mills Avenue to eliminate the manhole that was allowing inflow of tidal waters into the sewer system.

Other duties performed by Sewer Maintenance crews:

1. Repair cement floor in TV garage bay.
2. TV East Shore Middle School, new 8 inch lateral, part of the school renovation.
3. Cold patch manholes on Welchs Point Road and Cardinal Drive.
4. Rebuild manhole #5294 in the Carmen Road easement.
5. Cleared main line blockages on Platt Street and Seaflower Drive.
6. Root cut on Wepawaug Drive.
7. Checked easements at Pumpkin Delight, West Mayflower, Buckingham Avenue and East Avenue.
8. Washed wet well at West Mayflower Pump Station where there was a heavy rag accumulation.

A total of 16,420 feet were jet flushed, 5,170 feet were TV'ed with our standard TV equipment and 1,650 feet were TV'ed with the spy eye camera. We also hand rodded 695 feet, used the hydraulic jet root cutter to relieve 1,385 feet and root treated 550 feet. We smoke tested 2,010 feet and dye tested 380 ft to check sewer connections.

VOTING

A. MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22 , 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2013 regular meeting. Vice Chairman Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. PAYMENTS

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the following payment list for this month in the amount of \$401,663.60 as follows. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve this

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month's payment list. Vice Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

To Westcott and Mapes, Rogers Avenue Pump Station & High Street, P.O. 10-0054821-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0046-4993-0000 in the amount of \$1,920.00;

To Westcott and Mapes, Infill Project No. 1, P.O. 11-0057568-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0047-4993-0000 in the amount of \$7,120.00;

To Westcott and Mapes, Infill Project No. 1, White Oaks Easement, P.O. 11-0057568, Account No. 0026-4154-0047-4993-0000 in the amount of \$12,542.00;

To Westcott and Mapes, New Haven Ave Infills/Rosemary CT/Grove ST, P.O. 12-0059562-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0038-4993-0000 in the amount of \$19,600.00;

To Westcott and Mapes, Indian River Interceptor, P.O. 11-0057846-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0036-4993-0033 in the amount of \$11,839.44;

To Westcott and Mapes, Infill Project No. 2 – Design, P.O. 13-0062047-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0048-4993-0000 in the amount of \$12,305.00;

To Complete Construction, Infill Project No. 1, P.O. 13-0061142-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0047-4994-0000 in the amount of \$169,405.55;

To Complete Construction, High Street Sewer Upgrade Project, P.O. 12-0059418-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0046-4994-0000 in the amount of \$48,538.02;

Ralph Camputaro & Son Exc., Rosemary CT/Grove ST/New Haven Ave Infill, P.O. 13-0062045-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0049-4994-0000 in the amount of \$118,393.59;

The total of the approved Payment List for the June 26, 2013 meeting is: \$401,663.60.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There were four administrative approvals this month:

1. 229 West Main Street – Proposed 9 townhouse units with garages – This project is to build 3 buildings with 3 units in each building. There will be 6 one bedroom units and 3

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two bedroom units. The lofts/studies cannot be used as bedrooms. Each unit will have a garage. The proposed water usage is 945 gpd and the allowed water usage is 962 gallons per day.

2. 15-17 Edgefield Avenue – Hebrew Congregation of Woodmont – This project is to renovate the existing religious assembly hall and upgrade the bathrooms. They will reapply when they are ready to install a kitchen. They are allowed 405 gallons per day. They are proposing to use 80 gallons per day.
3. 4 Oxford Road – Unit F9/10 Adult Service Program – This project is to install a sink and a washing machine and to renovate the interior in a commercial condo for an Adult Autism program. The allowed water usage for this property is 5,400 gallons per day for the entire complex. This project is projecting 400 gpd. The prior water usage is 1,643 gpd. The new proposed water usage will be 2,043 gallons per day.
4. 269 Woodmont Road – BBI Technologies – Renovate office for new computer company. This property is allowed 690 gallons per day. The previous water usage was 31 gallons per day. The proposed gallonage is 151 gallons per day.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Collier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Vice Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Lynch  
Recording Secretary  
Sewer Commission