

CITY OF MILFORD  
SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR  
May 27, 2015

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT. Chairman Robert Carroll opened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Chairman Robert Carroll  
Vice Chairman Donald Anderson  
Commissioner Lee Cooke  
Commissioner Bradford Hubler

Commissioners not in attendance:

Commissioner Edmund Collier

Others in attendance:

Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney  
Christopher Saley, Public Works Director  
Edward Kozlowski, Acting Superintendent, Wastewater  
Ray Macaluso, Westcott & Mapes  
Beverly Hayes, Recording Secretary

Chairman Carroll asked for Citizens Comments and reminded everyone that statements are limited to the legislative functions of the Sewer Commission and the time limit granted to each speaker shall be 3 minutes, residents, taxpayers or electors may address the Commission.

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to go into Executive Session with Mr. Anderson seconding the motion and it carried unanimously.

- a.) Indian River Interceptor Replacement Pending Litigation
- b.) Seabreeze Ave. Sanitary Sewer Repair Pending Litigation

Commission Anderson made a motion to come out of Executive Session with Mr. Hubler seconding the motion and it carrying unanimously.

**2. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

William Slater, 450 High Street, asked about the progress of the sewer project, and when it is slated for completion and if everything i.e. sidewalks, curbs, plants, grass will be restored. Also he added that there was damage to his home specifically a cracked ceiling during the construction. Mr. Macaluso responded a crew will put down permanent pavement base course restoration starting with High Street next Monday.

VMS's crew(s) will strip the temporary pavement and place permanent binder course on High Street, and then move to Plains Road and Raton Drive for the same. Wilson Street will be ready for EDO to start sidewalk and curb work this coming Monday or asap there after followed by High Street. VMS will move back to reconstruct High Street pavement and mill/overlay High Street crew after EDO finishes curb and sidewalk. We will be developing a preliminary punch list for VMS and scheduling a semi final inspection with the City and VMS. If there is damage during construction, Ray can be contacted directly and he can notify VMS who will have their Insurance Carrier come out to determine the damage.

### 3. **APPLICATIONS ( PETITIONS)**

a) 1613 New Haven Avenue – Petition for 8-two bedroom units of 8-30g Affordable Housing

Attorney Thomas Lynch accompanied by the Engineer, Ronald Wassmer. Atty. Lynch stated that the property is located in an R-12.5 zone and the Planning & Zoning application for a 2 lot subdivision was denied so now he is before this Commission for 8-two bedroom units of 8-30g Affordable Housing. He referred to case law, Daughtry Construction vs. Town of Newtown explaining that it is illegal to calculate sewer usage based on square footage, rather zoning consideration and the capacity at the treatment plant is a determinant.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to table the application, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carrying unanimously.

b) 186 Hillside Avenue – Petition for restaurant where proposed flow exceeds allowed flow

Samuel Gardner, 151 East Street, New Haven, stated he is the Architect on this project. He submitted a letter which he read into the record highlighting the water saving devices installed in the restaurant which should improve the water consumption efficiency. He also submitted the specifications sheets on each. He added that there has been a restaurant here for over 40 years.

Claudio Defrancesco, owner of the proposed restaurant, stated that everything is all new, there will be less seating and he submitted the hours of operation for the record. He added that he installed a 1,000 gallon exterior grease trap.

R. Macaluso added that this is a pre-existing use and added that they could include in the approval letter a request for water records to be submitted every six months.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to approve the application with the requirement that they submit their water bills every six months. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c) 248 Bridgeport Avenue – Petition for waiver of exterior grease trap

Kim Soto, 248 Bridgeport Avenue explained that she is seeking a waiver of the 1,000 gallon grease trap, which is too large for what her menu contains. She submitted her menu for the record explaining that she would like to install an interior grease trap, which would cost her between \$3,000-\$6,000 as opposed to the exterior grease trap which costs between \$15,000-\$20,000. She explained that she contacted the State and they require a grease trap, but it does not have to be exterior. R. Macaluso stated that Milford only accepts exterior grease traps unless there are property constraints. He went on to explain that while the interior seems cheaper, the maintenance will end up costing more than the exterior. The City is currently working with all establishments that have not installed the exterior grease trap to get them installed. Commissioner Carroll requested that Mr. Saley and Wastewater take a look at the property to see if there are constraints prohibiting installation of an exterior grease trap.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to table the petition with Mr. Anderson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- d) 1573 Boston Post Road (aka 1571 Boston Post Road) – Petition for new restaurant in existing restaurant space where proposed flow exceeds allowed flow.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to table the petition as the applicant was not in attendance to present. Commissioner Hubler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- e) 362 New Haven Avenue – Petition for a Dog Grooming establishment.

Lauretta Hill, 66 California Street, West Haven, explained that she would like to open a dog grooming business at this location explaining she would groom only 8 to 10 dogs a day and it would be dog grooming only. She added that she has one dog tub which uses less water than others. C. Saley explained that they had no comparables to this type of business, some were close but included boarding or veterinarians, so we wanted it presented to commission. R. Macaluso added that it is just dog grooming with one tub and sees no problem.

Commissioner Hubler made a motion to approve the dog grooming establishment with Mr. Anderson seconding the motion and it carrying unanimously.

#### **4. TABLED APPLICATIONS**

- a.) 701 North Street – Petition for proposed 59-three bedroom, 4-four bedroom Units-8-30g Affordable Housing Development

Attorney Thomas Lynch requested the commission leave this petition on the table.

- b.) 248 Boston Post road – Petition for restaurant where proposed flow exceeds allowed flow and waiver of exterior grease trap – submitted specifications for AGRU.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to remove the item from the table with Commissioner Anderson seconding the motion and the motion carrying unanimously.

Agron Mirdita, 13 Jewett St, Ansonia, stated that he submitted to this office the specifications for the Big Dipper interior grease trap. He explained that the cost to install an exterior behind the building would be very costly, adding he is looking to install the interior grease trap temporarily, till his business is established and then he will install the exterior grease trap. C. Saley added that the grease causes major issues for the city and a liability for the town and they have to enforce the installation of the exterior grease trap. B. Carroll stated that they have to install the exterior grease trap and suggested Mr. Mirdita split it with the other business at this location or the landlord.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to re-table the application with Mr. Anderson seconding the motion and the motion carrying unanimously

5. **WESTCOTT & MAPES, INC.**

A. **New Haven Avenue/Rosemary Court/Grove Street Infill**

Mr. Macaluso reported the project warranty period is complete and retainage released. The project can be removed from the agenda.

B. **Infill Project No. 1**

No report.

C. **Infill Project No. 2**

Mr. Macaluso reported VMS Construction is completing the storm drainage on Wilson Street and will continue with permanent paving restoration starting on High Street next week.

Mr. Macaluso further reported that EDO Construction will begin the installation of sidewalks and curbs on High Street and Wilson Street within the next three weeks.

D. **Indian River Interceptor - Phase 2A and Phase 2B**

Mr. Macaluso reported that C.J. Fucci Construction remobilized the VOC treatment system onsite and resumed the sanitary sewer construction on New Haven Avenue between Pond Point and Old Gate Lane.

E. **Rock Street and Welch's Point Road Pump Stations**

Mr. Macaluso reported the Purchase Order was issued to AECOM and design will be underway.

6. **CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT-- None**

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None
8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**– Ed Kozlowski

### **Plants**

Both Wastewater Plants performed well in the month of March, producing a good effluent.

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed, 2 roller bearings were replaced on the belt filter press, installed new euro drive motor for anoxic mixer, the aeration system was reprogrammed to run in automatic mode, repaired lab exhaust fan, put #3 primary sludge pump online.

At the Beaver Brook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed, the Digester boiler methane gas line was clogged and cleaned out. The UV disinfection system was serviced. The plant did the monthly emergency generator test run.

### **Collection System**

#### **Pump Stations**

Scheduled maintenance was performed at the following pump stations: Holly Street, New Haven Ave., West Mayflower, and Old Field Lane.

The #1 pump rotating assembly was replaced along with drive belts and the drive belts for #2 pump at Anderson Ave.

1. The lead float switch and alternating relay was replaced at Crowley PS.
2. The #2 pump at Welchs Point was repaired.
3. The Viscount Drive force main was repaired at Naugatuck Ave.
4. The spare jockey pump was installed at West Mayflower.
5. The #2 check valve was repaired at Fowler Field.
6. Wet wells were cleaned at 5 stations.

There was one alarm at pump stations for power outages at 4 stations.

### **Sewer Maintenance**

Sewer Maintenance answered eight (7) complaints.

Sewer Maintenance crews performed scheduled maintenance at six (11) trouble sites citywide: #10, #11, #12, #13, #22, #42, #43, #45, #46 #48 and #49.

Sewer maintenance crews performed maintenance on the following equipment: Electric jackhammer and the 25kw portable generator.

There were 8 sewer excavations in April, at 18 Welton St., 3 Morning Mist, 65 Housatonic High St., 39/41 Central Ave., 86 Thompson St., 99 Clark St., and the Viscount Drive force Main..

Other duties performed were:

1. Smoke testing Gloria Commons.
2. Main line blockage Jamison and Utica.
3. TV'd Pond point Ave-30" gravity line ( Fucci filled with sand and stones).
4. Research work done in the Heatherstone area for I&I.
5. Manhole repair Carmen Road.

A total of 12,875 ft. were jet flushed, 4,910' televised, 2,050 ft. were spy tv'ed, 915 ft. were hand rodded, the hydraulic jet root cutter was used to relieve 1,110', Root treated 365' for laterals and dye tested 105' to check sewer connections and smoke tested 2,980'.

Mr. Saley added that the dry spring has helped the Wastewater Treatment Plants.

## **8. VOTING**

- a. Meeting Minutes April 15, 2015 – Vote next month as some members were not present at the April meeting
- b. Payments.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the payments in amount of \$130,278.51

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$130,278.51 seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Indian River Interceptor Replacement Pending Litigation.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion for authorization for the City Attorney to execute the access agreement with Mr. Hubler seconding the motion and the motion carrying unanimously.

## **9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman stated there were 20 Sewer Commission Administrative Approvals for the period April 16, 2015 – May 26, 2015.

Chairman Carroll stated that Sewer Commission meeting for July will be changed from July 22 to July 29, 2015. Ms. Hayes will revise the calendar and send out a revised calendar to Board members and post the changes on the Website.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Commissioner Hubler made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beverly A. Hayes, BS,  
Recording Secretary