

CITY OF MILFORD
SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR
June 17, 2015

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Conference Room C 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 Edmund Collier
Commissioner Lee Cooke
Commissioner Bradford Hubler

Commissioners not in attendance:

Others in attendance:

Christopher Saley, Public Works Director
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. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *None*

2. **APPLICATIONS (PETITIONS):** *None*

3. **TABLED APPLICATIONS**

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

Atty. Thomas Lynch asked that the petition remain tabled.

- b.) 784 Boston Post Road – Petition for restaurant where proposed flow exceeds allowed flow and waiver of exterior grease trap – submitted specifications for AGRU.

Commission Collier made a motion to remove the application from the table with Commissioner Anderson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Varsha Mehta, 38 Farm View Road, Bethany, stated she is part owner of the strip mall where this pizza takeout is replacing a former pizza takeout. There is no exterior grease trap currently at the property. After speaking with C. Saley and meeting out at

the site, a location for an exterior grease trap has been found on the left side of the building. C. Saley stated he had Craig George from Wastewater camera the line and there is room on the left side of building which will also allow the other tenant to tie in and they can share the grease trap. Ms. Mehta explained that the other tenant has an AGRU and his lease is coming up and she would like to see him share the grease trap. Zhong Zheng, owner of Szechuan Wok explained that he has spent money for installation of an AGRU when the State required a grease trap, not realizing that the city required an exterior. He explained that it works fine for his type of business and he spent close to \$6,000. He expressed that he is being asked to share the cost of the exterior grease trap with this new tenant. Commissioner Collier explained that because the code requires an exterior grease trap, it would be a good idea for the two businesses and the landlord to resolve this so it benefits all. If the other tenant does not share the grease trap he will be required to install another 1,000 gallon grease trap. It would be wise to share the cost of the 1,500 gallon between all three. Chairman Carroll added that it benefits the property owner in securing tenants.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the restaurant with an 1,000 gallon external grease trap for one tenant, and the 1,500 external gallon grease trap for the two to share, contingent on the two restaurants hooking in at same time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Collier made a motion to remove the petition from the table with Commissioner Anderson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Thomas Lynch said he is here representing the owner Seaview Cove, LLC. 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.

Mr. Macaluso stated while the new pump station on Grove Street can handle the capacity, however, the pump stations at Rock Street and Welchs Point Road cannot handle the additional flow at this time. They will be rebuilding the two pump stations of and this should be done within a year. Atty. Lynch responded that by the time all the approvals and the permits are in place for this project and the actual construction, it may be close to the repairs being completed at the pump stations.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to approve with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. There was discussion and Commissioner Collier suggested tabling for next meeting as he has serious reservation approving applications governed by flow. Commissioner Cooke withdrew his motion to approve along with Commissioner Collier his second and then Commissioner Collier made a motion to re-table the application with Commissioner Cooke seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Kim Soto, Queen Zuri Bakery, stated she was here last month for a waiver of the exterior grease trap and she was told that the Board would research but she never heard anything explaining that a 1,000 gallon grease trap was too large for her business and causes her a hardship to expand her business. C. Saley responded that Craig George went out and found a location for the grease trap. Chairman Carroll suggested she work with the owner to split the cost. R. Macaluso explained that 1,000 gallons is the minimum the State DEEP and city allows, but the commission has the right to decrease the size and notify DEEP and cautioned the City takes the liability. C. Saley added that grease down in the line, the city is liable for and thinks best if 1,000 gallon tank installed. Ms. Soto expressed she would be fine with a 500 gallon tank. C. Saley responded that he will call and get pricing so we have for the next meeting the cost of a grease trap. Commissioner Collier added that the next meeting is 6 weeks from now where if she could put in the 1,000 gallon grease trap she could be administratively approved and her business could move forward as soon as approved.

Commissioner Collier made a motion deny the request for a waiver of an exterior grease trap with Mr. Cooke seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

David Hart, 1573 Boston Post Road, explained that he missed the last meeting because he thought he did not have to attend after he received the Health Department Approval. This proposed restaurant is in the old Conti's Restaurant space. He has cleaned the place up, reduced the seating, installed water saving toilets, new dishwasher, as well as air cooled ice machine. Mr. Macaluso asked about the other businesses. Mr. Hart responded a Chinese Restaurant and a retail store. Mr. Macaluso added that the water use is high and could be the other restaurant. C. Saley suggested that it be approved and water bills be submitted every quarter to see the water usage. Mr. Hart added that he has an external grease trap.

Commissioner Hubler made a motion to approve with Mr. Anderson seconding the motion. Commissioner Hubler suggested that the other tenants should be checked for their water usage. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

A. Darina Place

C. Saley, explained that the project went out to bid for the lining and the remove and replace, however, in the pre-bid segment there was some confusion about the bid-bond and only three of the applicants provided them and the others had to be disqualified. . C. Saley added that the line had been camered and it is Craig George's opinion that it would have been a challenge to reline. City Attorney suggested it go out again only as the remove and replace with some language modification and the bid bond included. Fred Bialka, the purchasing agent can get it out after July 1st and they can move forward with the project. There was some discussion as to the Design component of the project regarding the manhole. C. Saley added that he will bring back when he has the bids.

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

A. **Infill Project No. 1**

No report.

B. **Infill Project No. 2**

Mr. Macaluso reported VMS Construction installed the binder course for permanent paving restoration on High Street.

Mr. Macaluso further reported that EDO Construction is scheduled to construct the proposed new sidewalks and curbs on Wilson Street and on High Street from Wilson Street to the XPECT Discounts store across from White Oaks Terrace within the next week.

Mr. Macaluso further reported the property owners on Tranquility Way will be submitting a claim to VMS Construction to replace the damaged trees.

The Contractor's Payment Application #9 in the amount of \$109,617.87 has been reviewed and certified by Westcott and Mapes, Inc. and Mr. Macaluso respectfully requested the payment to VMS Construction.

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

Mr. Macaluso reported that C.J. Fucci Construction resumed the sanitary sewer construction on New Haven Avenue between Pond Point Avenue and Old Gate Lane. He further reported that the construction work is progressing westerly, having just crossed Turtle Creek in the vicinity of #540 New Haven Avenue (EZ Access Self Storage).

The Contractor's Payment Application #6 for Phase 2A has been reviewed and certified by Westcott and Mapes, Inc. in the amount of \$94,656.70 and Payment Application #1 for Phase 2B in the amount of \$20, 353.75 and Mr. Macaluso respectfully requested the payment to C.J. Fucci Construction.

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

Mr. Macaluso reported AECOM is underway with the design and should be completed within four weeks.

6. **CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT**— Ray Macaluso

Mr. Macaluso stated that an email has been sent over to the City Attorney's office regarding updating the ordinance on grease traps.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**— Ed Kozlowski

Plants

Both Wastewater Plants performed well in the month of March, producing a good effluent. Nitrogen removal was well below limits.

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed, new alarm communication antenna was installed, replaced VFD card for #2 pump at West Ave, made repairs to #3 primary sludge pump, repairs made to gearbox of polymer machinery, repairs made to exhaust fans in lab and at West Ave pump station.

At the Beaver Brook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed, the Scag mower was serviced. The bulbs for the UV disinfection system were cleaned. The plant did the monthly emergency generator test run.

Collection System

Pump Stations

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

1. A new soft start was installed at Viscount Drive pump station.
2. The float switches and wetwell was cleaned at Crowley Ave pump station.
3. The exhaust louvers were repaired at Concord Ave pump station.
4. The H1 hour meter was replaced at Old Field Lane pump station.
5. The wetwells were slurried at 7 stations.
6. All grounds were cleaned and maintained.
7. 2 clogs were cleared.

There was one alarm at pump stations for high water.

Sewer Maintenance

Sewer Maintenance answered four (4) complaints.

Sewer Maintenance crews performed scheduled maintenance at five (5) trouble sites citywide: #14, #16, #34, #35, #44.

Sewer maintenance crews performed maintenance on the following equipment:

There were 3 sewer excavations in May, at 51/55 Landsdale Ave., 35 Eddy Street, and 196 Seaflower Road.

Other duties performed were:

1. TV'd Darina Place from High Street to West River Street. Video was made so contractors can view pipe for replacement.
2. Walked Gulf Pond easement with Chris Saley, Ed Kozlowski and Lou Lanzero. Inspect line with debris in it.
3. Main line blockage at Landsdale Avenue.
4. Research work done in the Heatherstone area for I&I.
5. Main line blockage Chester Street.
6. Root cutting: Briggs Ct., Landsdale Ave., and Jones Court.
7. Mainline blockage at Pilot Truck Stop.

A total of 9,875 ft. were jet flushed, 5,410' televised, 2,535 ft. were spy tv'ed, 1,018 ft. were hand rodded, the hydraulic jet root cutter was used to relieve 1,370', Root treated 885' for laterals and dye tested 495' to check sewer connections and smoke tested 0'.

Mr. Saley added that they received a check towards the 2 treatments plants for \$9,000 for some piping on Route 1 and he will speak with finance to have it put in the right account.

8. **VOTING**

a.) Meeting Minutes 4/15/2015

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to approve with a correction to Page 3 AECOM not to exceed fee of \$158,000.00 correct to read \$158,800.00. Commissioners Hubler and Anderson abstained from voting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collier and carried unanimously.

b.) Meeting Minutes 5/27/2015

Commissioner Cooke made a motion approve with Commissioner Anderson seconding the motion. Commissioner Collier abstained from voting. The motion carried unanimously.

c.) Meeting Minutes 6/3/2015

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve with Commission Hubler seconding the motion. Chairman Carroll abstained from voting. The motion carried unanimously.

d.) Approval of Payments

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$276,040.48.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$276,040.48 seconded by Commissioner Cooke. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

86 Governors Avenue

Mr. Saley explained that the property is located down a right of way on Governors Avenue and is landlocked. The property was assessed a sewer use fee which was suspended and the owner is looking to donate the property and to have the sewer assessment fee waived permanently.

Norma Fitzpatrick, 320 Welchs Point Rd, explained that she would like to donate the parcel to the Milford Land Trust.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to waive the Sewer Assessment Fee Lien that was previously suspended with Commissioner Cooke seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Carroll stated there were 21 Sewer Commission Administrative Approvals for the period May 26, 2015 – June 16, 2015.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm seconded by Commissioner Hubler. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Hayes, BS,
Recording Secretary