

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, MAY 27th, 2015
MINUTES**

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2015 at Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT. Chairman Nickerson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Chairman, Dave Bond, Steve DiGiovanna, Dave Murphy, Joe Mingo, Roger Spencer, Dave Zoller

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kargl, Municipal Utility Engineer
Attorney Edward O'Connell, Town Counsel
Anna Johnson, Finance Director
Kevin Seery, Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio

ABSENT: Carol Russell

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nickerson called the Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge.

2. Approval of Minutes

▪ **Special Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2015**

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion or any discussion or corrections to the Special Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015 as presented.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

▪ **Public Hearing I Minutes – April 28, 2015**

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion or any discussion or corrections to the Public Hearing I Minutes of April 28, 2015.

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the Public Hearing I Minutes of April 28, 2015 as presented.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

▪ **Regular Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2015**

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion or any discussion or corrections to the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2015.

Mr. Zoller asked that on Page 4 under Item 13. in the first line that the .017 be changed to read .07.

****MOTION (3)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2015 as amended.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

3. Delegations

Mr. Nickerson called for anyone who wished to speak under Delegations. There were no delegations.

4. Billing Adjustment Requests – Attachment A

Mr. Kargl said that there were none.

5. Approval of Bills – from Attachment B

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion on the Regional Interconnection bills.

****MOTION (4)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve payment of the following Regional Interconnection bills: MASSI, Payment Appl. 10180-10 in the amount of \$24,594.50 and Tighe & Bond, Inv. #051593009 in the amount of \$5,018.44.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

6. Water Project Updates

▪ Columbus Avenue Bridge Water Main

Mr. Kargl reported that an inspection was done Friday night when Amtrak cut the power. There is a 13' piece of pipe on hangers that has a failure at the flange. They would cut the pipe in the middle and put a mechanical joint in which will be a fairly quick repair during the 4 hour window that they have. They were authorized \$70,000 to do the work and it will come close and could be over by \$5,000 – they will see. They hope to get this done in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. DiGiovanna asked if the hangers are in good shape.

Mr. Kargl said that they were in remarkably good shape.

▪ Sunrise Trail/Orchards Subdivision Water Main Connection

Mr. Kargl recalled that he met with Carrier regarding the possibility of a tie-in to Sunrise Trail. He added that the developer is also considering giving a piece of property at the top of the hill to the Town. He said that he has provided them with a handout showing the highest elevation of the Orchards.

Attorney O'Connell said that this is a preliminary overview of the potential of running a line from Sunrise Trail that could eventually eliminate an old pump station. Everything is very preliminary at this time.

7. Finance Director Reports

Ms. Johnson said that the reports were in their folder. She noted that on the water side that the cash on hand is just over \$600,000 but a little over half is what they hold for meter deposits. She said that this is something they would want to work on. She said that she had provided them the debt information and that next month they will have the resolution for the acquisition program – for one new pick-up truck.

Mr. Mingo asked if the revenue figures were going up.

Ms. Johnson said that they were which is reflective also of the increase in the rates.

8. Spinnaker Sewer Maintenance Agreement

Note: Mr. Zoller recused himself from the meeting for this item.

Mr. Kargl explained that this is the annual agreement and that nothing is changing in it except for the dates. Any other charges are adjusted according to the contractual agreement. He said that they budget around \$5700 for the basic service.

****MOTION (5)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to authorize the Chair to execute, in the name and on behalf of the Water and Sewer Commission, the Maintenance of Sewer Pump Station Agreement with Spinnaker Association, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

9. Communications

- **See Communications Log**

There were no comments.

10. Chairman's Report

Mr. DiGiovanna asked if they were still thinking about a ribbon cutting for the regional interconnection.

Mr. Nickerson said yes and that he would coordinate it with Mr. Bragaw and Mr. Kargl.

Mr. Murphy asked about the Old Lyme project.

Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Kargl said that they have a meeting scheduled in Hartford on it and that they would also be meeting with a lot of the Park Officials on this project.

Mr. Bond said that he had heard that they wanted to re-work traffic that affects the area where our pump station is.

11. Fluoride Update

Mr. Kargl noted that correspondence that he had received from the State DPH on the fluoride level change that was made at the Federal level. It states that while they are reviewing the information nothing at the State level has changed and they will let everyone know what they decide once their review is completed.

12. Staff Updates

- **Water Department Monthly Reports**

Mr. Kargl noted that the well levels are okay but the stream flow is off as it has been very dry. They have banked 17.6M gallons of water in New London and they can take 15M back.

Mr. Murphy asked if Gateway drove the April meter installation figure.

Mr. Kargl said yes.

- **Sewer Department Monthly Reports**

There were no comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (6)**

Mr. Mingo moved to adjourn the May 27, 2015 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission at 7:46 PM.

Mr. DiGiovanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary

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DWS Circular Letter #2015-06

TO: Public Water Systems that Fluoridate in Connecticut

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section
Linda Ferraro, State Dental Director

DATE: May 13, 2015

RE: Fluoridation – HHS/CDC announcement and CT Laws for adjusted water fluoridation

On Monday, April 27, 2015, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the final Public Health Service (PHS) recommendation to lower the optimal fluoride level in drinking water to prevent tooth decay for public water systems with adjusted fluoridation. The new recommended level will maintain the protective decay prevention benefits of water fluoridation and reduce the occurrence of dental fluorosis, which in the U.S is typically only seen in a minor cosmetic change in the appearance of tooth enamel that does not affect the health of the teeth.

The new recommendation is for a single level of 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water. It updates and replaces the previous recommended range (0.7 to 1.2 milligrams per liter) issued in 1962. The earlier PHS recommendation for fluoride concentration was a range based on outdoor air temperatures, with children in warmer climates consuming more water than those in cooler climates. Current research shows that the amount of water consumed by children is fairly consistent in all U.S. regions; therefore a single fluoride level is recommended. The U.S. Public Health Service Recommendation for Fluoride Concentration in Drinking Water for the Prevention of Dental Caries was published in *Public Health Reports*: <http://www.publichealthreports.org/fluorideguidelines.cfm>

Connecticut's current law concerning fluoridation includes requirements under both Connecticut General Statute Section 19a-38 and Regulation of CT State Agencies Section 19-13-B102(e)(7)(L). These laws require public water systems that serve over 20,000 or more persons to maintain fluoride levels between 0.8 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l. Please see the attached Fluoride Fact Sheet for more detailed information. This Fact Sheet can also be found on our web-site: www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater

The Department is reviewing options on possible changes to the law to include this recommendation from HHS to lower the optimal fluoride level. As a reminder, public water systems will continue to be required to maintain fluoride levels between 0.8 and 1.2 mg/l until a change is made to Connecticut's statute. Public water systems can choose to lower their average fluoride level as close to, but, no less than 0.8 mg/l, until such time as the law changes.



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Attachment to Memorandum 5/22/15