



SEYMOUR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Minutes -Special Meeting of the Seymour WPCA, June 18th 2020- via teleconference at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Jim Cretella, Annmarie Drugonis, Nick Teodosio, John Uhelsky and Don Sosonovich.

Others present: Walter Royals, Plant Manager, John Oatley Area Manager Veolia Water, Jon Marro, Atty. Ben Proto, Jim Galligan, P.E. and other members of the public.

Jim Cretella called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Public Comment – None.

Budget 2020-21 workshop-

Jim Cretella invited John Oatley to present the budget worksheet template. John Oatley outlined (via slide prints); the current 2019-2020 operating budget, the 2019-2020 income received, 2019-2020 expense statement on a monthly basis with a budget spent in percentage. Annmarie Drugonis had a question about the engineering expense- why it was 269% above budget. Jon Marro responded that the two major engineering expenses (non-capital) such as I&I analysis on multiple streets and the possible Country Club Sewer assessment. Jim Galligan also reiterated the extra engineering expenses. Annamarie Drugonis asked if this was an anomaly; Jim Galligan responded that he didn't think it was- between the backup and other things the engineering has to do, it that the budget has not included enough money for these.

John Oatley- this budget was done on excel (printed to pdf format) and if the board could meet and see this in "real-time" the board would be able to see the impact of changes to funding. Discussion ensued about sharing an excel spreadsheet for the next budget meeting and if a WPCA meeting could be held (socially distanced) in person; also, where the meeting would be held was discussed. Jim Cretella then suggested the dates of June 24 and 25 -6pm; at the sewer plant.

John Oatley continued his presentation; the expense statement and the basic contract scope elements for Veolia Water. The wastewater service fee calculation was presented/explained and then the Proposed Budget worksheet for 2020-21 was then presented to the board; John Oatley went through how the worksheet functions. The proposed increase of the sewer use fee, and the justification for the increase of 10% (Capital plan spending increases and loss of consumption units). Also presented the Nafis & Young 5-year capital plan, and then finally the Veolia Water 10-year R&M model for the Seymour Sewer Plant.

Annmarie Drugonis recommended that she submit the questions from the 1st Selectman in writing, so as to make it easier for all involved, and John Oatley could answer in writing.

Jim Cretella- asked Annmarie Drugonis if the tax collector could be asked about her collections; Atty. Proto suggested that the Tax Collector provide what percentage of taxes are paid by mortgage companies.

John Oatley will ask the other Towns about their collections of Sewer use for next meeting. Atty. Proto asked John Oatley (while obtaining the information) when the other Towns send out their sewer use bills.

Adjournment – Annmarie Drugonis made a motion, Nick Teodosio 2nd, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting ended 7:12pm.