

Town of Lebanon
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

Lebanon Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room

Thursday, August 27, 2009 – 7:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Jason Hofmann, Chairman, Yaw Nsiah, Vice Chairman, Al Wilder, David Benjamin, Brandon Handfield, David Martin, and Paul Oliver.

Others Present: Attorney Edward O'Connell, Phil Chester (ZEO), Keith LaPorte (P & Z)

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman J. Hofmann.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes~ August 13, 2009 Regular Meeting. P. Oliver motioned, A. Wilder seconded, and members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.
- 3.0 Public Comment. There was no public comment this evening.
- 4.0 Correspondence. D. Martin presented a brief outline on the status of the Amston Lake Sewer Project and link for the Amston Lake Website. These will be posted on the Town of Lebanon Website.

Chairman Hofmann acknowledged receipt of (and forwarded to members) email from George Hicks (DEP), which notes the deadline date of August 23, 2009, for submittal of the task list and implementation dates. Chairman Hofmann will also communicate with Mr. Hicks' office tomorrow to update him on the status of this.

A. Wilder acknowledged receipt of email from Susan Hawkins (DEP) dated 8-19-09, in response to questions regarding the Application for CWF Assistance. This will be discussed further.

- 5.0 Discussion with Attorney Edward O'Connell. Atty. O'Connell stated he practices in New London County, has represented the Town of Lebanon's P & Z Commission during the past 20 years and also represents several municipalities with sewer systems. Atty. O'Connell gave an overview which included examples of methods used for installing sewers in other towns. He noted some of the following procedures that his firm is familiar with:
 - a) Becoming a guaranteed capacity co-owner of the sewer with a licensed town or becoming a customer of that town.
 - b) Concepts that need to be addressed as the project progresses.
 - c) Working with George Hicks (DEP) office.
 - d) Funding options.

- e) Benefit assessments/reimbursement.
- f) Construction and design contracts.
- g) Pipeline placement.
- h) Adoption of a facilities plan and establishing a sewer shed.

- 5.1 Chairman Hofmann motioned, P. Oliver seconded to add Discussion with Phil Chester (ZEO). Vote: approved unanimously.

Keith LaPorte, P & Z member, stated that he also sits on a regional planning commission (WINCOG) and during a meeting, posed a question regarding seasonal property to the administrator and her response was that sewers are to mitigate the pollution problem. Mr. Chester stated the current Plan of Conservation and Development for the Town specifically says that regarding sewers, it is not the intent of the commission to change the existing density. He noted that once the sewer district is created, the status would not change the Zone or Certificate of Occupancy and that seasonal or year-round status will remain the same. There would be no new rights because of the installation of sewers. He noted that sewers are installed to correct an environmental problem. Mr. Chester stated there is a public hearing for P & Z on September 21, 2009, to amend the seasonal regulations.

- 6.0 Clean Water Fund Application Status. B. Handfield motioned, A. Wilder seconded, and members voted unanimously to approve this item being tabled to the next scheduled meeting.

- 7.0 A final draft of the Task List & Implementation Schedule was drawn up and completion dates modified. The list will be finalized by D. Martin & forwarded to Chairman Hofmann.

- 8.0 Topics for next agenda:

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of minutes of August 27, 2009 Regular Meeting
- 3.0 Public Comment
- 4.0 Correspondence
- 5.0 Discussion/Possible Action on Establishing Sewer District
- 6.0 RFP for Feasibility Study
- 7.0 Discuss Funding Options
- 8.0 Discuss/Act on WPCA Obtaining an Attorney
- 9.0 Topics for next Agenda
- 10.0 Adjournment

- 9.0 Moved by B. Handfield, seconded by D. Martin to adjourn the meeting at 10.05 p.m.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holli E. Pianka, Clerk
September 3, 2009

(Minutes are unapproved as of transcription date.)