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MINUTES

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present: Chairman Jon Greene, Vice-Chairman Andrew Palo, Frank Regnery, Secretary, Tom Kelly, Bruce Elstein

Also Present: William C. Maurer, Town Engineer/WPCA Administrator, Town Attorney James Nugent, Vanessa McPhearson of Arcadis, Christine Kurtz of Wright Pierce, Fred Mascia of Tighe & Bond

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Palo, seconded by Regnery to approve the January 26, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Elstein)

Old Business:

- Beardsley Force Main Update: Mr. Maurer gave a brief overview for the new commissioner. Beardsley pump station has a 20" force main. It's at the end of White Plains Road just before Beardsley Park. The 20" force main goes approximately two miles until it joins the Bridgeport main trunk line, and through Beardsley Park under the Pequonnock and RT. 25 to the front of Home Depot and down to Pond Street. Two years ago, a portion of that pipe unexpectedly failed. Testing has been done and it has been the pipe has a corrosion problem on the interior of the pipe that has weakened the bottom, (The pipe is over 50 years old). 1000' of the pipe needs to be replaced in Beardsley Park which is a problematic. We have all the permits that have been applied and are waiting to hear back from DEEP. The state has basically said you can bid it and can order the pipe, but you can't physically start the project until all the easements are in place. The supply chain is currently having issues and expects a 16-week lead time for the 20" ductile iron pipe. We to have that on hand, because there is always the chance we will need it tomorrow. Arcadis is almost 100% done with the design documents, and are ready to go out to bid ASAP.

Ms. McPhearson of Arcadis noted the permitting is with DEEP, because the park is owned by the state, which is why an easement is needed. Good news came in today from DEEP regarding going out to bid prior to having the temporary easement in place, so that

a contractor can be brought on board and get the material ordered, which they seem to be open to. The temporary easement can proceed parallel with the bidding and award process. The temporary easement would be for the extent of work that is proposed in the park, which is essentially from where the walking trail ends, through the town line into the city line from the pump station, all the way to where the ball fields are, to where the force main crosses under the river. Even though it's not formally a permanent easement, and because the state has acknowledged that the pipe has always been there, it is a bit of a formality. To get the easement for the replacement work is a two-step process:

1. A temporary easement for the construction phase is needed and;
2. To apply for permanent easement for the section of pipe that's been replaced, (with an as-built survey from the contractor).

There is no easement for the existing pipe. Attorney Nugent confirmed a temporary construction easement is very typical, and hopefully a permanent easement through the park for the pipe will be granted. It may be that the town never had any type of formal written easement on the land record from 50 year ago.

The Chair clarified the reason this is important is because the Beardsley Pump Station was just rebuilt at a significant expense and the line is basically that side of the town's gateway to Bridgeport's treatment center. Commissioner Elstein noted the law has different categories of easements and one is an Easement by Necessity and has never heard of an Easement by Necessity more compelling than this.

It was confirmed the commission authorized the purchase of the pipe already, but the final plans need to be put into bid documents. Mr. Maurer was hesitant about purchasing the pipe without having a contractor. The contractor could say the town supplied the material. It will be a neater package, less complicated and easier to have the contractor order the material. Attorney Nugent noted at one point it was heard the permitting could take a year, if it is still a year there is no hurry for the pipe, but if there is a possibility of the summer or fall then we would want to buy the pipe soon.

Mr. Maurer clarified for the commission currently there is no easement of any type in place. Ms. McPhearson noted the permanent easement which could take a year. DEEP has been very accommodating and is willing to work to expedite the temporary easement which will be months away and is in line with the bid schedule, getting the contractor on board and having the contractor order the material, with the understanding not to mobilize or break ground until the temporary easement is in place.

Ms. McPhearson explained she and Mr. Maurer have been discussing coordination with the City of Bridgeport. Those conversations are to have the city understand how we can do the project that needs to be done, but also be sensitive to residents by not impacting usage of the park during the peak season to the extent that can be avoided. Those conversations are in process to make sure any of the restrictions that would be on the contractor for maintaining traffic flow through the park or anything like that would be in place before the project is bid. Mr. Maurer explained they are looking at May before the bid results are in and the award process is started. There were concerns over the trees and going through the ball field so they will be going into the road parallel to the pipe to limit

the impact to the trees and the use of the ball fields. They will be working in the area of where you get off RT. 25 going to RT. 8, just past the Trumbull line into Bridgeport and are eight past the first ball field's parking lot. Bridgeport just finished the walking path there. They will need to talk to Bridgeport when the temporary easement is received to see how to work with their park usage schedule. The project will take 6-8 weeks. Bridgeport doesn't own the park but they do maintain the park and schedule it. It was confirmed if they were to award the project in May or June there is a 16-week lead time for materials which will put the project at early fall, a tight schedule. Attorney Nugent stated he would prefer to order the pipe earlier, but would defer to the engineers. Ms. McPhearson stated since DEEP is allowing them to proceed on a parallel track with getting the temporary easement, it does streamline things to have the contractor who is installing the pipe to procure it as well. Commissioner Regnery suggested a purchase order with an assignment clause. Mr. Maurer agreed it could be done either way especially in today's market with supply chain issues. When they get the 100% drawings they will look at that.

- Old Town and Reservoir Avenue Pump Stations Update: The structures are built, and have the pipes and valves now. But are waiting for the control panels which won't be here until the end of May. We don't want to go on bypass and wait for a piece to come in that we don't know when it's going to be. Bypassing is too expensive. If they get the panel in May, it wouldn't be complete until October. Ms. McPhearson stated they are looking into whether there are options for temporary control systems. They do not have a firm date for the delivery of the standby generators, these are critical to the station as well.
- Contract 5 Update: Fred Mascia of T&B was present and explained at the last meeting it was said the plans would be about 90% complete by the end of this month, it will be another two weeks. Cost estimates have been provided.

An easement is not required, but there is an acquisition for surplus state land at the intersection of Juniper Ridge Road and Juniper Circle. This is a location selected for the project's pump station. The DOT will grant property to the town. There is a contingency to drill test borings first to make sure they can build a pump station. There's going to be earthwork involved where Juniper Ridge Road and Huntington Turnpike crosses under RT. 8 against the embankment of RT 8. This is about 20 feet higher than Juniper Ridge. The state will grant the property to the town for the pump station once we let them know that is where they will build the pump station. DOT will handle the entire transfer of property to town, the town attorney will only have to review the final documents. DOT will prepare the surveys, and all the paperwork to transfer the property.

There was a public informational meeting held for this potential project, but it wasn't a full public hearing. Attorney Nugent clarified this project is referred to as Contract 5 but there has not been a final decision to proceed with sewers in the area. Mr. Mascia added that the area has been referred to as South Nichols and is a mixture of ¼ acre lots to 1 and 2-acre lots, approximately 360-370 properties. Several years ago it was determined that it would be better to break Contract 5 into four smaller areas, the contract being planned now is the Beardsley Parkway and Huntington Turnpike area, mostly the smaller lots, approximately 180 homes. 2/3 will need to go through a pump station which will be at Juniper Ridge, and would pump to Beardsley Parkway and eventually to White Plains

Road to tie into a manhole at White Plains Road, almost at the Reservoir Pump Station. The Chair asked the clerk to forward Commissioner Elstein the power point from the 10-10-2018 Contract 5 Informational meeting. The Chair noted there has been a significant amount of money spent to date, although it is a small fraction of the total. This is the end of the design phase and the commission will have to vote in the future on whether to move forward, and it appears a public hearing may need to be scheduled. This is a significant project.

Mr. Mascia explained there are two parts to this, the sewers and the roads. The roads are on the Public Work's radar for drainage and pavement improvements, but they're holding off until the project is decided on. If it is determined not to pursue the sewers at this time Public Works is geared to come in to redo the drainage and the roadway work. Public Works has temporarily paved some of the area roads because they were so bad. But long term, it needs drainage and paving work, but they don't want to do that and then have the roads torn up to construct the sewer line.

Discussion to continue at a future meeting.

- *Alternate Flow*: Moved by Palo, seconded by Elstein to ENTER into Executive Session based on CGS 1-210b-7 to present engineering or feasibility estimates relative to the public supply construction costs. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent. The WPCA ENTERED into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. with the following people present: WPCA members Chairman Jon Greene, Vice-Chairman Andrew Palo, Frank Regnery, Secretary, Tom Kelly, Bruce Elstein, William C. Maurer, Town Engineer/WPCA Administrator, Town Attorney James Nugent, and Christine Kurtz of Wright Pierce. Moved by Elstein, seconded by Regnery to END Executive Session. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent. The WPCA ENDED Executive Session at 8:31 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Elstein, seconded by Regnery the WPCA adjourned at 8:32 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk