

**SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – 04/20/2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman James Paolino, Vice-Chairman Scott Meyers, Walter Tumel, Jim Natale, and Sam Zotto.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gregory Dandio.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas Dunn and Administrator Philip Olmstead.

**I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken; a quorum was present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1) Public Hearing – 03/16/2015**

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing dated March 16, 2015.

**2) Regular Meeting – 03/16/2015**

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 16, 2015.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

|    | <u>Date</u> | <u>To</u>  | <u>From</u> | <u>Subject</u>                  |
|----|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | 03/24/15    | Commission | M. Cossette | Sewers to Clinton Hill Area     |
| 2. | 03/27/15    | Commission | L. Bosco    | Meeting location change         |
| 3. | 04/02/15    | Commission | L. Bosco    | Sewer Spreadsheet as of 3/31    |
| 4. | 04/02/15    | Commission | L. Bosco    | Water Spreadsheet as of 3/31    |
| 5. | 04/02/15    | Commission | L. Bosco    | Sewer Delinquent Rpt as of 3/31 |
| 6. | 04/02/15    | Commission | L. Bosco    | Water Delinquent Rpt as of 3/31 |

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

V. OLD BUSINESS

1) **Collection of Delinquent Accounts**

Attorney Latino has received the Revised Itemized Statements of delinquent accounts and will be getting the collection demand letters out soon.

2) **Water Rate Increase**

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to move this item to the next Agenda.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1) **Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting**

Administrator Philip Olmstead reported the Wolcott Water Department is in compliance with all water quality monitoring and reporting and all results have meet US EPA Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Standards.

- **Call Before You Dig**

The Department has processed 40 Call Before You Dig Requests this past month.

- **Water Main Repair – Devonshire Road**

The repair is scheduled to be performed next week.

- **Pump Stations**

The floors in the wet wells have been sanded down and a two part epoxy was applied to ensure the integrity. The walls upstairs were also painted.

- **2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget**

The proposed budget is complete and will be presented to the Town Council tomorrow evening.

- **Waterbury/Wolcott Meter Vault**

The program for the software upgrade is expected to be completed next week and installed at the office on the new pc subsequent thereto.

James Paolino thanked Mr. Olmstead for all his hard work and stated it was very much appreciated.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nancy Trott, 24 Roosevelt Drive, came forward and expressed her desire for public water on her street and questioned how to get the process started and how to get the majority in favor on a street that both owners and renters reside.

Marlene Cossette, 30 Patricia Lane, came forward and submitted a letter dated April 20, 2015 (attached hereto and made a part hereof). She plead to the town to become aware of sewage problems and contamination in the Clinton Hill and surrounding areas and questioned how to make the sanitary sewer main extend there and what steps are being done to make it happen.

Ray Matey, 107 Andrews Road, came forward and indicated he was in favor of public sanitary sewers extending to his area and expressed his concerns with project costs and assessments charged to property owners.

Michelle Ciampi, 98 Clinton Hill Road, came forward and expressed the need for public sanitary sewers in her area. She noted ground saturation and the horrible raw sewage smell in her neighborhood that is causing a major health issue that needs to be remedied by bringing sewers to the area.

Herman Mueller, 41 Patricia Lane, came forward and stated most of the homes in the area are 40+ years old and have the original septic system so it is time they get public sanitary sewers.

Bob Caggiano, 243 Clinton Hill Road, came forward and expressed his support for sanitary sewer main expansion to his area and questioned how the public can help to secure grants to avoid an over-exorbitant cost.

Mark Raineri, 212 Clinton Hill Road, came forward and stated he was not in favor of a project to expand the public sewer system to his area. He noted he installed a new septic system two years ago and has college bound children; he does not know whether he can afford the financial burden this project would bring at this time.

Gerald Donofrio, Sr, 161 Andrews Road, came forward and addressed the comments spoken regarding issues with water runoff and neglected septic systems. He suggested an alternative for addressing the problems such as going to Chesprocott Health District to investigate the issues. He noted that he had a new septic system installed at the cost of \$28,000.00 and cannot afford another \$28,000.00 for public sewers. He stated that people tend to put problems off on someone else to remedy instead of dealing with their situation; if one needs a new septic system than they have to put one in.

Paul Cossette, 92 Clinton Hill Road, came forward and questioned that if \$20,000.00 was going to be put into a new septic system that will last 20 years, why not put that money into public sewers that will last forever. He stated that if someone doesn't think the area needs public sewers than they need to take a ride through it tonight, roll the window down, stick their nose out - and they will see.

Marlene Cossette, 30 Patricia Lane, came forward a second time to state that if Chesprocott Health District gets involved, the Commission will be mandated to do something about it - and Chesprocott is the people they will go to.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**X. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- **Collection of Delinquent Accounts**
- **Water Rate Increases**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**ACCEPTED:**

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Laurie Bosco, Administrative Secretary

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James Paolino, Chairman  
**SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION**

April 20, 2015

My name is Marlene Cossette and I reside at 30 Patricia Lane, Wolcott, CT

Mr. Chairman, Board Members, Mayor Dunn –

I have been a lifelong resident of Wolcott.

We replaced our septic system 2 years ago and paid \$20K. We would not allow sewage to seep on neighbors' property. The system was inspected by Chesprocott and passed. As a precaution, the system is pumped every two years to avoid clogging of the fields.

We have come here tonight as concerned taxpayers to plead with the Town to become aware of the dire situations that exist in the Clinton Hill and surrounding areas in the western part of Wolcott with respect to sewage problems. We are not asking for a handout, but a solution...

What must we do to make this happen? Are we applying for grants from State and Federal, which are always available in catastrophic situations? Are we negotiating with other towns to accept our sewage?

Please don't leave this problem of sewage contamination to our children and future generation. The time is now, the need is now!

Thank you for your time and attention.

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