

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
May 18, 2022

MINUTES

Present: Amy Atamian, Dave Pattee, Vanessa McPherson, Kirby Klump, and Todd Eubanks
Also, Present: Jeremy Nixon and Scott McFarland of Veolia. Emmy Bumagat, WPCC
Administrator. Al Marsili of 12 Old Mill Road

Amy Atamian called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2022, MEETING.

MOTION: Approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting. D. Pattee, motion. V. McPherson, second. Approved unanimous.

ITEM 2: 12 OLD MILL RD - REQUEST FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT

Al Marsili of 12 Old Mill Rd presented an addition of 3-4 - 1 bedroom 1 bathroom apartments above the Wire Mill BBQ. A request was made prior for the addition of one apartment. The current allocation is 750 GPD.

MOTION: APPROVE APPLICATION FOR APARTMENTS AND INCREASE ALLOCATION OF 12 OLD MILL RD TO 1,200 GALLONS PER DAY TO BE REVIEWED IN 1 YEAR. K. Klump, motion. T. Eubanks, second. Approved unanimous.

ITEM 3: REPORT FROM VEOLIA WATER PLANT MANAGERS

TRAINING:

-April VNA Training (Confined space entry) has been completed by all personnel

HEALTH & SAFETY:

- No injuries or illnesses were reported during this period
- The monthly safety inspection (eyewash/showers/fire extinguishers) was completed on April 6th

- All PPE is in full supply and in good working condition

- First Aid station supply inventories remain sufficient

MAINTENANCE:

- 21 preventative maintenance work orders were completed

- 4 corrective maintenance work orders were completed

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT:

- No odor, noise or complaints were received

- New Veolia signage was installed on April 7th

OPERATIONS:

- April monthly reports to USEPA and CTDEEP were submitted on May 6th with full permit compliance.

- 1.14 MG of waste water influent was received and 1.03 MG of waste water was processed

- 17,195 gallons of sludge was wasted to the GBT
- 6,500 gallons of thickened sludge was hauled offsite by HI Stone
- Removed 98.7% of influent BOD and 98.8% of influent TSS
- PAC system placed in service on April 13th and is operating well
- No significant process alarms were experienced
- All process parameters remain within acceptable ranges

OTHER:

- Redding WPCC, Veolia Water, and the Health Inspector met to inspect commercial grease traps on April 28th. The most notable was the huge accumulation of grease, rags, grit, and debris observed in the siphon chamber at 2 Main St.

- The following day, an abundance of grease, rags, grit, and debris was discovered at the plants first 3 influent manholes

- A re-visit to the siphon chamber and subsequent manhole indicated that the abundance of grease, rags, and debris had been *cleared* from the siphon chamber

- Veolia Water cleaned and flushed this material at the 3 on-site influent manholes & collection piping on May 3rd - Pupper Septic was able to remove much of the material during this process.

- The discovery of the remaining grease, rags, debris, & grit from the siphon chamber was made on May 9th, when the chute from the primary drum screener conveyor collapsed from excessive buildup of this material (photos included). The conveyor itself was also significantly impacted.

- Veolia Water subsequently filled more than 5 30-gallon garbage cans with screening materials by hand, followed by a complete degrease and wash down.

- Meadow Ridge met with members of the WPCC and admitted that the buildup came from their facility. The WPCC will explain to Meadow Ridge that if this were to happen again, they will be held financially responsible, and to inform the WPCC of any issues they are having with their lines.

- S. McFarland asked if the Veolia staff is allowed to open and inspect the manholes at any time. A. Atamian replied that they can. This will be included in a letter to Meadow Ridge.

- Purchase of a redundant chemical transfer pump being considered for approval

MOTION: Authorize purchase of redundant chemical transfer pump. D, Pattee, motion. K. Klump, second. Approved unanimous.

- Heating system repairs by Mulvaney Mechanical to be scheduled

- Green Mountain Pipeline Services - WPCC deliberating on proposal to clean and inspect sanitary sewer system.

- Veolia Water participated in the RES STEAM fair on April 23rd.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

- D. Pattee asked about an invoice from HACH, it was for lab testing.

- V. McPherson asked where we stand with the compressor. J. Nixon stated that everything is ready, they are just waiting on configuration from NIC. An update will be available at the next meeting.

Veolia left at 8:42 PM

ITEM 4: DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF INVOICES AND FINANCIAL STATUS

MOTION: Approve all bills to be paid totaling \$38,868.88. D. Pattee, motion. T. Eubanks, second. Approved unanimous

MOTION: Request transfer of \$90,000 from the Board of Finance. T. Eubanks, motion. K. Klump, second.

Bills to be Paid:

- **Airgas \$19.80**
- **Aquarion Monthly \$294.89**
- **Eversource \$5,151,80**
- **Frontier \$312.19**
- **J. Mulvaney Plumbing \$291.45**
- **Oak Ridge Hauling \$160.37**
- **TaxServ Capital \$41.41**
- **Veolia Monthly - April 2022 \$29,918.32**
- **Veolia Reimbursable - March 2022 \$2,678.65**

OTHER DISCUSSION:

- Veolia is still not charging the full 4.3% increase for COLA.
- A. Atamian is trying to create a budget forecast for the end of the fiscal year, and has over \$10,000 worth of estimated unbilled charges from Veolia. There are over \$64,000 in unbilled authorizations.
- A. Atamian asked if anybody had a suggestion of how to keep track of things that have been approved and not billed yet as so much has accumulated. V. McPherson suggested adding a time limit, like 180 days to bill jobs, to the agreement.

ITEM 5: COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Todd Eubanks announced his resignation from the WPCC, this will be his last meeting after 15 years on the WPCC.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: T. Eubanks, motion. D. Pattee, second.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

Submitted by Katherine Stauffer