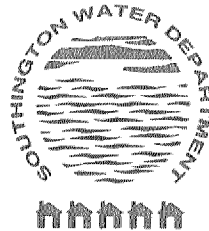


BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
Thomas J. Murphy, President
Erika Pocock, Vice President
Robert M. Berkmoes, Secretary & Treasurer
Rudolph Cabata
Michael S. Domain
Ralph Warner



William M. Casarella, Superintendent
Albert T. Fiorillo, Assistant Superintendent
Maria Nason, Office Supervisor
605 West Queen Street
P.O. Box 111
Southington, CT. 06489-0111
(860) 628-5593 -Fax (860) 621-0491

Southington Water Department

MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners, Infrastructure Committee was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Department Offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, CT.

PRESENT: Commissioner Berkmoes, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Pocock, Superintendent Casarella and Assistant Superintendent Albert Fiorillo were present.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Berkmoes at 5:03 p.m.
2. **Mill Street Tank Project:** Superintendent Casarella stated the letter from Eversource confirming the disconnect of the old electrical service is holding up the scheduling of demolition of the tanks. Eversource is scheduled to pick up the meter tomorrow 9/2. Items remaining to be completed in the new communication building are the installation of grounding, surge suppressors and other loose ends. The entire site is now being fed by the new electrical service and communications have been moved over to the new tower. The old communication building has been decommissioned and stripped of valuable equipment. SWD staff removed stumps along the property line, removed hydrants and will complete the demolition of the two existing vaults. Dlugos Tree Removal was contracted to cut down numerous trees along the property line as well.
3. **Well 2 Building Rehab:** Management reported that the CT DPH has approved the funding for this project and Woodard & Curren has responded to the EPA's questions and we'll await their response to our consultants' approach to the abatement. Once the plan is approved, D'Amato will begin their work which may take between 4-6 weeks to complete.
4. **Reservoir #2 Gate House Improvements:** Assistant Superintendent Albert Fiorillo stated that the project bid document went out to four contractors on August 20th and the bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th. Work may begin in October once Res #2 is drained to approximately 8.0'. The project may take approximately 1 month to complete.
5. **Shuttle Meadow Road:** Negotiations with Valley Water Systems are ongoing regarding the SWD's acquisition of the Shuttle Meadow Road water main. Don Vaughn had requested an additional 2-3 weeks to continue negotiations. Items to consider as part of the water main acquisition: notification to current Valley Water customers of the switch over; offering water service to residents along the water main currently serviced by private wells; meter change outs; connecting to the new water main at the intersection of Dunham Place and Shuttle Meadow Rd; connecting to the new water main at the Thunderbird Drive right of way; creating separation from the Valley Water system in the Shuttle Meadow Place cul de sac. It was mentioned that the agreement between the SWD and Valley Water should be finalized before going before PURA with the proposal.

6. **Diversion Permit:** Management provided the Committee with a copy of CT DEEP's draft Consent Order (CO) letter in reference to the permit for Well 10. Following lengthy discussions, the SWD, along with our attorney agree it is in our best interest not to sign the CO. The CO is unnecessary and that DEEP should allow us to operate under our current permit dating back to 1994. We would respond to the 1994 request for more info and re-submit the permit application with some of the current requirements.

7. **Infrastructure Projects**

South End Road Leak

Assistant Superintendent reported that the leak on the north side of Misery Brook at the bridge still has not been addressed. Rather than repair the leak, it would be best to bring the services south of the bridge up Parkview Drive over to the 12" water main on the west side of the road. This also would also include bringing the 8" main feeding the Parkview Drive neighborhood from the 6" main to the 12" main which would improve service to the area. It was determined that this project may be completed in the Spring 2021 when we have a better idea of what remaining contingency money we have. Assistant Superintendent Al Fiorillo we reach out to J.J. Brennan for a budgetary proposal for the project

Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) on Lanings St.

Superintendent Casarella stated we need to install a PRV on Lanings St. near the intersection of Flanders Rd. The PRV would allow us to capture the remaining customer off Lanings that are currently still being fed off the West Queen Tanks. It was decided that we should move forward with this project. Assistant Superintendent Al Fiorillo will reach out to Snyder Engineering for a proposal for engineering services.

8. **Future Capital Projects:**

The following projects are currently in the SWD's Intended Use Plan (IUP) with the DPH Mn Treatment Plant

- Lead Service Line Replacement
- Treatment Plant Filter Replacements
- Reservoir #3 Dredging
- Automatic Meter Reading (AMI)

West Queen Street Extension

Commissioner Murphy inquired about the installed of 12" water main on West Queen Street between Queen Street and Newell Street. Superintendent Casarella stated that although this project was removed from the budget, we may have contingency money remaining in the spring to complete this project. One or both South End Rd and West Queen St could be considered for completion in the spring. The engineering has been completed and we have proposal from JJ Brennan to install the water main.

9. **Succession Planning:**

Superintendent Casarella stated that three crucial members of our staff are planning to retire next year.

William M. Casarella, Superintendent (April)

Albert Sylvester, Treatment Foreman (May)

Maria Nason, Office Supervisor (May)

Management will begin succession planning for these positions in October.

10. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berkmoes at **7:26 p.m.**



Albert T. Fiorillo, Assistant Superintendent

Attest: