

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, JUNE 22nd, 2010
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT. Chairman Formica called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Chairman, Dave Zoller, Dave Murphy, Joe Mingo, Carol Russell, John Jasper

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kargl, Municipal Utility Engineer
Michael Giannattasio, Director of Public Works
Don Iannicelli, GeoInsight, Inc.

ABSENT: Steve DiGiovanna, Dave Bond, Roger Spencer

1. Call to Order

Chairman Formica called the Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

◇ **Regular Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2010**

Mr. Formica called for a motion or any discussion or corrections to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2010.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Zoller moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2010 as presented.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 1. Motion passed.

Abstained: Mr. Formica

◇ **Special Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2010 Stakeholders Meeting**

Mr. Formica called for a motion or any discussion or corrections to the Special Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2010.

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. Zoller moved to accept the Special Stakeholders Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2010 as presented.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 1. Motion passed.

Abstained: Mr. Zoller

3. Delegations

Mr. Formica called for anyone who wished to speak under Delegations. There were no delegations.

4. Billing Adjustments – from Attachment A

Mr. Kargl explained that these followed the '1 in 10' and that he had presented the information so that they would be aware of them. No action by the Commission was necessary.

5. Approval of Bills – from Attachment B

Mr. Formica called for a motion on the Regional Interconnection bills.

****MOTION (3)**

Mr. Zoller moved to approve payment of the following Regional Interconnection bills: Geolnsight, Inc. Inv. #22830 in the amount of \$12,500.00; and Waller, Smith & Palmer, Inv. #45210 in the amount of \$1,485.00.

Ms. Russell seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Formica called for a motion on the Chlorination – Treatment Upgrades bills.

****MOTION (4)**

Mr. Zoller moved to approve payment of the following Chlorination – Treatment Upgrades bills: Maguire Group - Invoice #19 in the amount of \$6027 and C.H. Nickerson & Co., Inc. – Payment Appl. #6 in the amount of \$176,792.62.

Ms. Russell seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Formica called for a motion on the Replacement Well 3B bills.

****MOTION (5)**

Mr. Zoller moved to approve payment of the following Replacement Well 3B bills: Maguire Group - Invoice #20 in the amount of \$15,032.50 and C.H. Nickerson & Co., Inc. in the amount of \$20,615.00.

Ms. Russell seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Formica called for a motion on the Stream Augmentation bill.

****MOTION (6)**

Mr. Zoller moved to approve payment of the following Stream Augmentation bill: Geolnsight, Inc. Inv. #22745 in the amount of \$7,468.65.

Mr. Jasper seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

6. Water Supply Improvement Project Updates

Mr. Kargl said that he had provided them with a project update listing in their packets.

• Regional Interconnection

Mr. Kargl said that Geolnsight prepared project presentation materials for the Regional Water Stakeholders Meeting that was held on May 25, 2010 and they are scheduling a meeting with DPH and DEP officials to further update them on the status of the project.

Mr. Iannicelli said that they have had several conversations as a follow-up with Denise Ruzicka of the DEP on the regional project and that Paul Harris of DECD wanted a meeting so they have set one up for July 1, 2010. They will hold a pre-meeting to brief DECD on the funding first and then meet with the DPH and DEP who want more in-depth information regarding where they are on the design phase. This meeting is important as he would like them to embrace water banking and see what other information they might need so that they can get it to them. He noted that the regulators are excited about this project

and want to do what they can to support it and it also appears that this project will move up on the list for funding.

Mr. Kargl said that he had provided them with information on the 'green' concept.

Ms. Russell asked about the agreement on the water.

Mr. Iannicelli and Mr. Formica said that they have already worked on that and felt that it should be at the going rate.

Mr. Formica added that the COG is trying to get Norwich, Groton and New London to the table to talk also on this type of sharing.

Mr. Iannicelli noted that if Norwich, Groton and New London have an agreement that the supply could be shared.

Mr. Formica noted the importance of this to the entire region (economic and otherwise) and in turn to the entire State.

- **System-wide Chlorine Disinfection**

Mr. Kargl noted that they are moving ahead on this. There is an estimate of approximately \$20,000 for change orders at this time which should be covered by the contingency item in the grant/loan agreement. He said that he would like to do the implementation slowly one well at a time which would take around a year to complete and which would include Well 3B. He said that he would work with the State on the implementation schedule.

- **Replacement Well 3B – Maguire Group – Task Assignment D**

Mr. Kargl reported that they met with the DOC to review plans for relocation of the settling basins and that the basin configuration has been redesigned to better fit the site. He noted the letter from Maguire Group and that they were now ready to authorize Maguire to proceed with Task Assignment D.

****MOTION (7)**

Mr. Mingo moved to authorize Maguire Group to proceed with Task Assignment D – Construction Engineering, Administration and Part Time Inspection Services for the lump sum amount of \$32,500 as stated in their June 21, 2010 memo to Mr. Kargl.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

- **Stream Augmentation**

Mr. Kargl reported that the DEP is excited over this concept proposal. This proposal will allow them to pump at least one well rather than not being able to pump either well during the summer months. Capital funds were redirected in the amount of \$125,000 to establish a budget for this.

Mr. Jasper asked how stream augmentation fits in with the regional interconnection.

Mr. Formica said that it allows them to use a well during the dry times by keeping the stream flow up. He noted that they would be using 600' of piping from Darrow Pond.

Mr. Iannicelli added that this is not a new concept and that Bristol and Unionville use this method. He said that the DEP conducted a fish sampling on June 9, 2010.

Mr. Kargl noted that the Well 5 diversion permit has a clause in it that at 5 years they have to monitor the stream flow daily.

- **Other**

Mr. Formica noted that the Board of Selectmen would be acting on the water conservation measures this week.

7. Water & Sewer Capital Projects

Mr. Formica said that they would set this up for discussion at a future meeting.

8. Tri-Town Wastewater Capacity Study

Mr. Kargl reported on the agreement that they had with AECOM and the memo from Mr. Lanzafame from New London stating that they have approved the study and suggesting that they all approve it so that AECOM could be given the notice to proceed. The \$141,800 is 50% reimbursable (\$77,900) under the Clean Water fund Planning Grant and that the other \$77,900 would be split evenly by the three Towns. He added that they would probably have to pay all of it upfront and wait for the funding to come. He asked that they make a motion on this.

****MOTION (8)**

Mr. Murphy moved that the East Lyme Water and Sewer Commission hereby authorizes the Project Manager of the Tri-Town Capacity Study to enter into and administer an engineering agreement with AECOM for the New London Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Study, upon his receipt of similar authorizations from the Waterford Utility Commission and the New London Water and Water Pollution Control Authority.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

9. Communications

◇ See Correspondence Log

Correspondence was made available.

10. Chairman's Report

Mr. Formica said that they testified at the DPH hearing to help move the project up on the funding list. He reported that COG will form a new committee to try to move regional projects forward and that the July 1, 2010 meeting will be instrumental.

11. Staff Updates

a. Water Department Monthly Report (Consumer Confidence Report)

Mr. Kargl noted that they had a copy of the report in their packets. He reported that the fire damaged equipment was replaced and that Well 1 is operational. He also reported that more water was used this May versus last May.

b. Sewer Department Monthly Report

Mr. Kargl noted the sewer flows have normalized.

c. Saunder's Point Sewer Extension

Mr. Kargl said that he received an email from the DEP stating that they would not approve funding for this sewer extension project.

d. Crossley Court Sewer Extension

Mr. Kargl said that they are going out to bid – they had a 6/14/2010 pre-bid meeting and will have a 6/29/2010 meeting. They have let out some 7 – 8 plans and they are also available on the website.

e. Other

There was none.

12. New Business

There was no New Business.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Formica called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (9)**

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the June 22, 2010 Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission at 8:22 PM.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary