

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
for  
TOWN, WATER AND SEWER MATTERS**

Monday, August 16, 2004

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP-WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

A public workshop pertaining to Water System Improvements, held by the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, Conference Room, 26 North Road at 7:04 PM by Commission President Kenneth G. Littman.

The following members were present:

David Long, Vice-President  
Julio DiGiando  
Claire W. Ferguson  
Guy Settipane

Also present were:

Police Chief Thomas Tighe, Interim Town Administrator  
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director  
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk  
J. William W. Harsch, Esq., Town Solicitor (arrived @ 7:24 PM)

Commission President Littman reported that this workshop was called in light of the question on the ballot at the November Election pertaining to the \$6.2 million bond for the proposed Water System Improvements including new filtration, new water tower and upgrade of the water distribution system. He further reported that the Town has been awarded a \$500,000 grant to assist with the funding of the new water tower. Commission President Littman then turned the workshop over to the Public Works Director for a brief presentation.

Mr. Goslee gave a short presentation on the Jamestown Water System Improvements. (See attached presentation entitled "Jamestown Water System Improvements 2004")

Mr. Goslee briefly described the following:

- History of the Jamestown Water System
- Current Treatment Plant
- Current Standpipe (Water Tower)
- Distribution System and its current consumption requirements
- Proposed Water System Improvements including the following:
  1. Treatment Plant
  2. New Tower
  3. Distribution System improvements
- Water Treatment-capacity, disinfection and turbidity

Mr. Goslee briefly described the benefits of membrane filtration, the new water

tower and the proposed water distribution improvements.

Mr. Goslee presented and described the following budget for the proposed Water System Improvements:

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	
TOWN OF JAMESTOWN	
PRE DESIGN BUDGET ESTIMATES	
Project Description	Budget Estimate
<b>Water Treatment Plant Improvements</b>	
Pilot Study	\$100,000
Preliminary and Final Design	\$350,000
General Bidding and Construction Services	\$230,000
Construction	\$2,500,000
Contingency (20% pre-pilot and design)	\$636,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,816,000</b>
<b>Water Storage Tank Improvements</b>	
Preliminary and Final Design	\$40,000
General Bidding and Construction Services	\$70,000
Construction	\$800,000
Contingency (20% pre-design)	\$182,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,092,000</b>
<b>Water Main Improvements *</b>	
Preliminary and Final Design	\$40,000
Construction	\$684,000
Contingency (20% pre-design)	\$136,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$860,800</b>
TOWER GRANT	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,268,800</b>

Mr. Goslee reported that proposed costs have been reduced by approximately \$1. million dollars, due to the reduction of distribution system improvements and a \$500,000 grant for the new water tower.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Goslee’s presentation. Several residents expressed their concerns and asked for clarification on items presented by Mr. Goslee.

Victor Richardson a resident of Hamilton Avenue presented a report to the Commission regarding his findings at South Pond.

Commission consensus: To invite David Bebyn, CPA from Bacon & Edge, PC to a public workshop held prior to the next Water and Sewer meeting on 09/20/04 and to ask him to retool his figures in accordance with the reduction in the budget as presented by the Public Works Director.

The public workshop concluded at 8:25 PM. Commission President Littman called for a short break.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, Conference Room, 26 North Road at 8:32 PM by Commission President Kenneth G. Littman, following a public workshop pertaining to Water System Improvements.

The following members were present:

David Long, Vice-President  
Julio DiGiando  
Claire W. Ferguson  
Guy Settipane

Also present were:

Police Chief Thomas Tighe, Interim Town Administrator  
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director  
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk  
J. William W. Harsch, Esq., Town Solicitor

### **AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

(None scheduled)

### **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) 07/19/04 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner DiGiando, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to accept the 07/19/04 (regular meeting) minutes. So unanimously voted.

### **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

1) **Pumping Report:**

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- Pumping was up for the month of July and was almost identical to last year.
- North Reservoir was down 16". The reservoir came up 5" yesterday due to rainfall and is now down 11".
- South Pond is at capacity.
- Transfer pumping has resumed on a minimal basis.

2) **Town project reports:**

**Town Wells:**

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- JR1 is back online and is producing @ 45 gallons per minute. It runs in sequence with the water plant and produces @ 50,000 gallons per day.
- JR3 runs in sequence with JR1 and produces slightly less than JR1.
- JR5 is now offline. This well was used for the RO Pilot Test.
- Will be cycling all wells on and off to test the pilot membrane system.

**North/South Pipeline:**

No action taken.

**Aeration System:**

Mr. Goslee reported that the system is online, is operating well and that the color level is improving.

**Treatment Plant:**

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- The Town has completed its second quarter for the new testing protocols for disinfection byproducts.
- Briefly described the test results from the RI Department of Health.

**Immersed Membrane Pilot:**

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- Fay, Spofford & Thorndike and Zenon have been onsite and the pilot is up and running. The results are encouraging.
- Zenon will be leaving the pilot onsite for six months and will not remove it for the period between the warm weather test and the winter tests.
- The factory has installed a computer link back to the engineering office, so that they can monitor water during September, which is usually the time period when South Pond has the most color and organic constituents.
- The pilot is already producing 94%, with 6% backwash without recycling the backwash and that he anticipates that with recycling the plant it will be 98% efficient.

**Distribution System:**

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- The new Boring Tool has arrived and is working well. The water crew continues to train on this new equipment.
- This tool will reduce the amount of open trenching that has to be accomplished to install new water services.
- The water crew continues valve replacement and new hydrant installation.

**Transfer Pumping:**

Mr. Goslee reported that transfer pumping has resumed on a minimal basis.

**Sewer Plant Rehabilitation:**

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- Pipelining Products has completed slip lining.
- Rocchio Corp. has not completed the punch list of small items. Mr. Goslee stated that many of the items are landscaping issues and at this point it would be best to have them return after Labor Day.
- Process Engineers have begun to mobilize for the Pump Station contract and that the pumps are on order. He further reported that he anticipates onsite activity to begin late August, early September.

**Distribution System Upgrade:**

Previously discussed in detail during the public workshop pertaining to Water System Improvements.

Mr. Goslee reported that he has reviewed the priority list of improvements for the distribution system and feels that the Town can reduce its immediate priorities to include the following:

- o Narragansett Avenue, Howland Avenue and Green Lane.
- o High Street between Howland Avenue and Green Lane.
- o On North Road from the Water Treatment Plant to Weeden Lane.
- o The Town could add North Road from Narragansett Avenue to the Treatment Plant as an alternative.

Mr. Goslee briefly described the costs associated with the items listed previously and reported that engineering costs of \$100,000 to \$200,000 could be reduced to \$40,000 if done in house. Mr. Goslee reported that the Town now has the capability to perform this type of engineering service.

The Commission asked for clarification on a few additional items as reported by the Public Works Director.

### LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Letter from Laszlo Siegmund re: funding the **sewer system rehabilitation project**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to accept the communication from Laszlo Siegmund re: funding the sewer system rehabilitation project. So unanimously voted.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Report on **Reverse Osmosis Pilot Study** from Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc. dated 06/21/04 entitled "Proposed Water System Improvements" (cont. from 07/19/04)

Previously discussed in detail during the public workshop pertaining to Water System Improvements.

- 2) **Rate Study** (cont. from 07/19/04)

Previously discussed in detail during the public workshop pertaining to Water System Improvements.

Commission consensus: To invite David Bebyn, CPA from Bacon & Edge, PC to a public workshop held prior to the next Water and Sewer meeting on 09/20/04 and to ask him to retool his figures in accordance with the reduction in the budget as presented by the Public Works Director previously, during the workshop pertaining to Water System Improvements.

- 3) **Relocation of water line** (cont. from 07/19/04 & 08/10/04)

- a) Design, Construction and Maintenance Agreement by and between RIDOT and the Town of Jamestown (replacement of temporary water hose)-for acceptance by the Town Council

- i) Hose-reel system – temporary potable water line (information submitted by Councilor DiGiando)

Discussion ensued regarding the relocation of the water line, the costs associated and a proposal from Commissioner DiGiando pertaining to a temporary potable water line.

Interim Town Administrator, Chief Tighe stated that he would be setting up a meeting with the Public Works Director, RIDOT and the Solicitor regarding this matter.

The Solicitor suggested that the Town Council pass a resolution requesting RIDOT to consider with the Town Administration, on an urgent basis, alternatives to the present plan and that those alternatives include Councilor DiGiando's proposal for the hose-reel system.

Councilor DiGiando asked the Public Works Director for clarification regarding the costs associated with such a hose-reel system.

Motion was made by Councilor Settipane, seconded by Councilor Long that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown authorize and instruct the Town Administrator with the cooperation of the Town Solicitor to notify RIDOT in the form of a resolution, that the Council does not approve of the current plan to locate the water supply line on the walkway of the Jamestown-Verranzano Bridge, that the Town of Jamestown requests alternatives including but not limited to a temporary pipeline and that in the event such alternatives are not forthcoming and in light of representations by the RIDOT concerning the Greenway Trail Programs and uses of the bridge, that would effect the relocation of the pipeline, the Jamestown Town Council requests that we receive appropriate funding to address the installation of the 8 inch pipeline currently proposed. So unanimously voted.

The Council asked the Town Administrator to forward a copy of the resolution to those attending the meeting. The Solicitor suggested that the Town Administrator also contract Teresa Paiva-Weed and Bruce Long.

Motion was made by Councilor Settipane, seconded by Councilor Long to continue this matter to the next Town Council Meeting on 08/23/04.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

(none scheduled)

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the Water Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the Sewer Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

### **TOWN BUSINESS**

- 1) **Controlled Deer Hunt** (cont. from 08/10/04)
  - a) Written proposal of options and suggestions as to how to facilitate the RIDEM's proposed deer hunt at Beavertail State Park

Discussion ensued regarding the Town's modifications to the regulations submitted by the RI Department of Environmental Management, Division of Fish & Wildlife entitled "Draft Jamestown Cooperative Archery", for the purpose of deer management at

Beavertail State Park. A few residents expressed their concerns regarding the proposed deer hunt.

Following discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Settipane, seconded by Commissioner Long that the regulations as submitted by RIDEM, Division of Fish & Wildlife be modified to include the following:

- Hunting will commence on November 8, 2004 and continue to January 31, 2005.
- No hunting shall take place on weekends prior to December 31, 2004.
- Signage as approved by the Jamestown Police Department will be placed at the entrance of the park.
- Hunting will be limited to the area north of parking lot number 1.

Short discussion ensued regarding signage.

Motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to amend the motion to include the following wording regarding signage:

- Appropriate signage as approved by the Jamestown Police Department will be placed throughout the park two weeks prior to the commencement of the hunt.

Motion to amend, so unanimously voted.

A vote was taken on the main motion as amended to read as follows:

- Hunting will commence on November 8, 2004 and continue to January 31, 2005.
- No hunting shall take place on weekends prior to December 31, 2004.
- Appropriate signage as approved by the Jamestown Police Department will be throughout the park two weeks prior to the commencement of the hunt.
- Hunting will be limited to the area north of parking lot number 1.

Motion so voted, Commissioners DiGiando and Ferguson opposed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:10 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings  
Water and Sewer Clerk

xc: Commission Members (5)  
Town Administrator  
Town Solicitor  
Public Works Director  
Town Clerk