

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Board of

Water and Sewer Commissioners

Monday, August 21, 2000

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 7:03 PM by Commission President David J. Long. The following members were present:

Kenneth G. Littman, Commission Vice-President
Craig A. Amerigian
Bruce McIntyre
David Swain

Also present were:

Denise Jennings, Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk
Steven Goslee, Public Works Director
Arthur Christman, Fire Chief

Absent were:

Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator
James Murphy, Esq., Town Solicitor

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) 06/21/00 (work session with the Conanicut Island Land Trust (continued from 07/17/00):

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to accept the minutes of 06/21/00. So unanimously voted.

- 2) 07/17/00 (regular meeting):

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to accept the minutes of 07/17/00. So unanimously voted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

- 1) Pumping Report:

Mr. Goslee reported that pumping for the month of July was up due to tall ships and the 4th of July and that pumping has decreased for August. He also reported that the safe yield study has been done, the draft report is almost complete and that the consultants would like to meet with the Water Study Committee

after Labor Day. Commissioner Swain: We are using wells, south pond and the north reservoir and have had the best July for rain and the north reservoir is still 16 ½ inches down? Mr. Goslee: We have lost some since last Friday. Commissioner Littman: How much do we lose a day? Mr. Goslee: We lose about ½ to ¾ of an inch a day. Commission President Long: How much does pumping go down after Labor Day? Mr. Goslee: It goes down to about 230,000 gallons a day. Commissioner Swain: After all that we have done and are doing we still need conservation measures. Commissioner Amerigian: I agree. Commission President Long: What is the status of the well on the Farm? Mr. Goslee: We have not been back there lately, it has been too wet. Commissioner President Long: Are we using south pond more this year? Mr. Goslee: Yes.

Mr. Goslee also reported that Dr. Frohlich from Geotech Enterprises Inc. has completed his report on the desalinization project and that we are ready to apply for the permit.

Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commission President Long to accept the pumping report. So unanimously voted.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Draft legislation authorizing the Town of Jamestown to finance the installation, expansion, construction and improvements of sewers, storm drains, pumping stations and sewage treatment and disposal facilities (continued from 08/08/00 work session)

- 1) Who will pay?

Commission President Long: It seems as though we have all agreed on a flat fee with a consumption scale. Commissioner Swain agreed. Commissioner Amerigian stated that he was not opposed to the flat fee, but thought that it should be minimal.

Further discussion followed, regarding payment by those customers who hook-up to the system in the future. It was the consensus of the Commission that this issue would be addressed at that time.

Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner Littman that the financing for the installation, expansion, construction and improvements of sewers, storm drains, pumping stations and sewage treatment and disposal facilities be funded by the customers of the sewer system entirely, with 10% of the cost being apportioned as a flat fee divided equally between all customers (yearly/seasonal) and the remaining 90% of the cost being generated through use charges per gallon. So unanimously voted.

- 2) Rules and regulations re: conservation (continued from 07/17/00)

- a) Copy of a memorandum from the Public Works Director to the Town Administrator

Commissioner Amerigian referred to the memorandum from the Public Works Director to the Town Administrator. Commission President Long: When did the reservoir rise last year? Mr. Goslee: October. Commission President Long: When and what would you allow people to do? Mr. Goslee: After September 5, I would suggest allowing car washing, boat washing and house washing. Commission President Long: It is not prudent to lift restrictions before September 5th. Mr. Goslee agreed. Commissioner McIntyre stated that it was important to keep the education of conservation going. Mr. Goslee agreed. Commissioner Amerigian: Are you saying, that if after Labor Day the reservoir is above the two foot level (below the dam), that we could waive all of

the things that automatically kick in on a given date if we so choose? Mr. Goslee: Yes. I will have a better handle on this when the safe yield study comes out. Commissioner Littman: Will the safe yield study be out by the next water and sewer meeting? Mr. Goslee: I hope to have it by then. Commission President Long: I would rather wait to vote, until we have more information.

Following short discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to amend the water and sewer regulations, so that the Commission has the option of waiving certain conservation regulations after Labor Day, if the reservoir level is above the two foot level (below the dam). Motion so voted, 3 in favor; Commission President Long opposed. Commissioner Amerigian did not cast a vote.

Following additional discussion regarding the wording change for the rules and regulations, motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to replace the previous motion with the following: to ask Mr. Goslee to provide the Commission with language which would allow the Commission to waive certain conservation regulations after Labor Day and through October 31, should the reservoir level be above the two foot level (below the dam) and to report back to the Town Council at the meeting on 08/28/00. So unanimously voted.

3) Application of Richard and Clare McCormick for water service connection (Plat 12, Lot 180; Beavertail Road) (continued from 07/17/00)

1) Additional information and map supplied by Winthrop Reed, Realtor

Following clarification of a few items, motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner Littman to approve the application of Richard and Clare McCormick for water service connection (Plat 12, Lot 180; Beavertail Road). So unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Water restrictions
Previously discussed.

2) Award bid for aeration system
Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to award the bid for the aeration system to Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc. The amount of the bid is not to exceed \$27,000. So unanimously voted.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to approve bills and payroll. So unanimously voted.

TOWN BUSINESS

none

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk

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