

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
BOARD OF
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, July 15, 2002

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Memorial Community Center, 41 Conanicus Avenue at 7:00 PM by Commission President Guy Settipane. The following members were present:

David Swain, Vice-President
Kenneth G. Littman
David Long
Norma Willis

Also present were:

Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator
Steven Goslee, Public Works Director
Denise Jennings, Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk
Douglas DiSimone, Esq., Town Solicitor

Motion was made by Commission President Settipane, seconded by Commissioner Willis to discuss **TOWN BUSINESS** first. Motion so voted, 4 in favor; Commissioner Long opposed.

TOWN BUSINESS

- 1) New Department of Public Works site and size
- a) Notice of intent to move to rescind the action/decision approving the location and size of a new Department of Public Works facility at the Transfer Station/Closed Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Facility *per Council President Settipane* (continued from the 07/08/02 Town Council Meeting)

Council President Settipane stated that all members of the Council have spoken on this issue and that the purpose of continuing this matter was to allow Councilor Littman to get more information before making a decision.

Councilor Littman: At the last meeting on Monday, 07/08/02 I asked that a decision on this be postponed for one week. I wanted to talk to people. I have received a lot of feedback, more than any other issue. The Council needs to listen to what the community has to say. I had the opportunity to listen to many people. The Council worked very hard on researching this issue and had committees to assist in that process. We came up with a vote that was missing some elements. There are a lot of unknowns. It would be hard to convince, that it is cost effective and the best approach. The process that we arrived at is flawed. We need to go back and fill in information gaps. It is hard to justify. There were no hard numbers. There is nothing with cost estimates to communicate to the people that this is a good way to approach this. We should not continue to pursue this particular plan and vote. We need to go back and re-visit this issue and have a better understanding. There are too many variables.

Solicitor DiSimone stated that the motion on table needed to be removed from the table and brought

back before the Council for action. Motion was made Councilor Littman, seconded by Councilor Long to remove the motion to rescind the action/decision approving the location and size of a new Department of Public Works facility at the Transfer Station/Closed Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Facility from the table and bring it before the Commission for action. Motion so voted, 3 in favor; Councilors Willis and Swain opposed.

Council President Settupane called for a vote on the motion that was on the table at the Town Council meeting held on 07/08/02 and continued to this evening.

Council President Settupane stated that all members of the Council had spoken on this motion at the Town Council meeting held on 07/08/02. The Solicitor stated that the motion to rescind the vote was still on the table. Council President Settupane: Councilor Littman has spoken and has concluded his thoughts; I call for a vote on this motion.

Following clarification regarding the vote on the table, motion was made by Councilor Littman, seconded by Councilor Willis to reopen discussion on the motion to rescind. Motion so voted, 4 in favor; Councilor Long opposed.

Councilor Willis: Most or many people thought that it was not a perfect vote. I did not think it was the perfect voted but it was sensible and we could move on with the issue. I am willing to look again, if we were to hold the vote. We may not find any perfect solution. Councilor Littman: We need to go back and revisit this issue and find other areas that we could come together on. Councilor Long: As stated previously, the whole facility should be placed at the north end. Council President Settupane: I did not vote for the split as being rescinded. I always wanted most of the barn operation at the north end, with two mechanics bays at Taylor Point. This I thought would be cost effective. I support the motion to rescind. I urge the Town Council to vote on the motion to rescind. We need to go back and fill in the gaps. I call for the vote.

The motion on the table was as follows: to rescind the Town Council vote made on 06/24/02 approving the location and size of a new Department of Public Works facility at the Transfer Station/Closed Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Facility. Motion so voted, 3 in favor; Councilors Willis and Swain opposed.

b) Bond issue *per Councilor Willis* (continued from the 07/08/02 Town Council Meeting)
No action taken.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 06/17/02 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Willis, seconded by Commissioner Swain to accept the minutes of 06/17/02. So unanimously voted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1) **Pumping Report:**

Mr. Goslee reported that pumping for the month of June was almost identical to last year, rainfall was slightly above average for the month of June and rainfall for July so far was zero.

Treatment Plant:

Mr. Goslee reported that test results have come back; the algae detected were typical and that studies will be conducted in the lab over the next few days. Mr. Goslee also reported that a representative from US Filter arrived today and will be on site Tuesday, 07/16/02 through 07/18/02 to assist the Town with this issue.

2) Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2001:

Commissioner Willis asked for clarification on one item.

3) Town project reports:

North/South pipeline:

Mr. Goslee reported that the engineering plans and survey are complete and that PAL will be on 07/17/02-07/19/02.

Wastewater Management Plan:

Ms. Crawford reported that a letter of offer was out to one of the individuals and that she hoped to have to person on board within the next month.

Town Wells:

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- JR-1-is in operation with the treatment plant and is pumping 45,000 gpd.
- JR-3-is operational on a rotation basis. Test vegetation plots have been rechecked and there does not appear to be any changes from last year.
- JR-4-Linda Steere the Benthic Biologist anticipates completing the Benthic Survey within the next week.
- JR-5-no change.
- JR-6-Dr. Frolich will be on site on Tuesday (07/16/02) to go over test results and will be assisting the Town in getting the permit to the RI Department of Health within the next few weeks.

Aeration System:

Mr. Goslee reported that the system is up and running and that the project is complete.

Beavertail Road water line replacement:

Ms. Crawford reported that the pipe is on site and that she anticipates work to begin in the fall.

The Commission asked for clarification on a few items as previously reported by Mr. Goslee and Ms. Crawford.

Richard Allphin, Clarke Street: If we had the perfect treatment facility, would we have enough source? Mr. Goslee: With current demand and conservation we would have enough.

Craig Amerigian, Narragansett Avenue: We need to decide how much water is enough and until then we can not set a policy. It will be hard to make these decisions. The Council needs to decide how much water is enough and set a long-term plan. The pipeline was the least cost effective place to start. The most bang for your buck.

Arthur Christman of Windsor Street reported that while driving in the shores area he saw a brook running down Frigate Street from a sprinkler system. He stated that we are working from the same source and that something should be done to control this.

Randall Tyson, Seaside Drive: It is ludicrous to control growth by not providing services. We should require new construction to put in cisterns. I agree with Mr. Christman. I urge the Town Council to look for a way to properly provide water.

Sewer Plant Rehabilitation:

Ms. Crawford reported that she is currently in negotiation with Siegmund & Associates for the contract on the collection system design and that she and the Public Works Director would be meeting with Mr. Siegmund at RIDEM on 07/17/02.

i) Bond issue:

Ms. Crawford stated that she had spoken to the Solicitor and that he would like to talk to Bond Council before taking any action on this issue.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

1) Expansion of South Pond *per Commission President Settipane*

Commission President Settipane to Mr. Goslee: The western berm has quite an open field. What type of cost and what type of permitting are we looking at for the expansion of South Pond?

Mr. Goslee: We should hold off on this issue until we see what happens with transfer pumping from South Pond. We need to see what affect transfer pumping has on the treatment of water from North Reservoir. Commission President Settipane: Why can't we get started on investigating our options?

Mr. Goslee: We can get an advisory opinion from George Gifford on permitting. Motion was made by Commission President Settipane, seconded by Commissioner Swain to allow the Public Works Director to investigate options regarding the expansion of the western berm at South Pond. So unanimously voted.

2) Award contract to Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC re: to develop and calibrate a hydraulic model of the water distribution system

Ms. Crawford reported that \$28,500 had been budgeted for this project. Ms. Crawford recommended that the contract to develop and calibrate a hydraulic model of the water distribution system be awarded to Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Swain, seconded by Commissioner Long to award the contract to develop and calibrate a hydraulic model of the water distribution system to Fay, Spofford & Thornkike, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$24,500; this contract includes analyses of fire flow scenarios to determine deficient areas with in the distribution network in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. So unanimously voted.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to approve the Water

and Sewer Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

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(Previously address)

- b) Bond issue *per Councilor Willis* (continued from the 07/08/02 Town Council Meeting)

(Previously addressed)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Willis to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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
Town Clerk