

**Wastewater Management Task Force
Tuesday April 16, 2013**

Minutes

Present: Chairman Kurt Zemba, Dimitri Tolchinski, Doug Wilkinson, Ernest Lorda, Rob McCarthy, Tom Risom, Richard Prendergast; First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder, Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal, Sanitarian Sonia Marino; Woodard & Curran representatives David Prickett and Vin Spada
Absent: Donna Bednar, Frank Chan

Call to Order

Chair Kurt Zemba called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Approval of the Minutes 03/18/2013

A motion was made by Doug Wilkinson, seconded by Dimitri Tolchinski, to approve the minutes of the 3/18/2013 meeting. Motion passed.

Correspondence

None

Chairman's Report

Kurt Zemba recounted that the proposed Wastewater Management Study was passed at a Special Town Meeting on April 9 and he thanked the Task Force members for their efforts.

He told the Task Force that a small group including the First Selectwoman, Brian Curtis of Jacobson Engineering, Town Sanitarian Sonia Marino, and Task Force members Tom Risom, Dimitri Tolchinski and Kurt had met earlier in the day with David Prickett of Woodard & Curran to discuss the project.

Kurt, First Selectwoman Reemsnyder, Rob McCarthy and David Prickett also met with representatives of the Black Hall Golf Club earlier in the evening.

Kurt introduced David Prickett to present a study update.

- Update on Woodard & Curran and Study

David Prickett of Woodard & Curran said that pre-approval of the Clean Water Fund application had been granted by the Connecticut DEEP. Now that the study has been approved, Woodard & Curran will seek formal approval.

The project is on schedule although the schedule will be aggressive through the end of April. Test-well monitoring will take place this week and next. Weekly updates to the Task Force are likely during the testing phase.

First Selectwoman Address

First Selectwoman Reemsnyder thanked the Task Force for their efforts. Now that project has been approved, she will oversee all aspects of the study and looks forward to the continued support of the Task Force.

Old Business

None

New Business

Kurt Zemba opened the floor to questions and comments from Task Force members, who asked about approved sites, project timelines, New London sewer agreements, and communicating with private beach associations.

- There were no objections to Kurt's proposal that a subcommittee consisting of himself, Rob McCarthy and First Selectwoman Reemsnyder (ex officio) begin conversations and negotiations on land.
- Rich Prendergast and Kurt will follow-up on the potential property adjacent to White Sand Beach.
- It was noted that, when sewer pipes were installed at Point O'Woods Beach, water pipes for CT Water Company were installed simultaneously. Members agreed that a future conversation with CT Water Company would be worthwhile.
- Kurt asked that questions from members of the public to Task Force members be forwarded to Kurt or First Selectwoman Reemsnyder so that they can be shared with the Task Force and appropriately answered.
- Woodard & Curran will publish specific timelines at every phase of the study. David Prickett envisions three Public Information Sessions. In June, the focus will be on disposal and reuse. In July, collection and treatment will be the main topic. Financial Impact(s) will be covered at an August session.
- The Task Force agreed that it was premature to provide too much information to beach associations and the public before some study results are in. The May meeting agenda will include discussion of communication with private beach associations. Kurt will work with Cathy Frank to draft a project update for the Task Force to edit for use on the Town website and in communication with the beach associations.
- Members questioned if New London has additional capacity at its wastewater treatment facility and how re-negotiated sewer agreements between New London and East Lyme/Waterford would impact the potential cost to Old Lyme. The First Selectwoman wondered if the Town would have to get involved to help mitigate the cost.
- When and how will Woodard & Curran evaluate the wastewater needs of the community? David Prickett will work with Sanitarian Sonia Marino to populate a map of the area under consideration with data about lot size, groundwater and septic information, etc. They will work with the Task Force to develop a formula

that will help to ascertain the wastewater volume requirements of specific neighborhoods. The Town has septic pumping records based on pumping tickets provided by the different hauling companies. It was suggested that the Sanitarian provide a sample ticket to Woodard & Curran.

- Meetings will be scheduled at 7:30 pm on Tuesdays as follows:
Tuesday, **May 14**: Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, **June 11**: Task Force Meeting & pre-Information Session Workshop
Tuesday, **June 25**: Information Session
Tuesday, **July 30**: Information Session
Tuesday, **August 27**: Information Session
Tuesday, **September 10**: Task Force Meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tom Risom, seconded by Doug Wilkinson, to adjourn at 8:18pm. Meeting adjourned.

Catherine Frank
4/17/2013