

CROMWELL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008  
7:00PM ROOM 224/225  
**MINUTES**

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**Public Hearing - Minutes**

**1. Call Hearing to Order**

Vice Chair, Alice Kelly calls the public hearing to order at 7:04PM

**2. Introduction of Authority Members**

Vice Chair, Alice Kelly introduces the Commission members, which are, herself, Tom Gunn, Jonathan Beatty, the BOS Liaison, Dave Murphy and staff, which are, Town Engineer, Joseph Mazurek, Sewer Administrator, Richard Peck and Commission Clerk, Sarah Voog (also the Department's Accounting Clerk).

**3. Reading of the Call of Hearing**

Sarah Voog reads the Call of the Hearing into the record.

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing, at which all parties desiring to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to be heard, will be held by the Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority at 7:00PM in Room 224/225 of the Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut, 06416 on February 4, 2008.

To consider the advisability of sanitary sewer system improvements to portions of Nooks Hill Road including installation of approximately 5,200 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer mains and 4-inch force mains, pump stations and related appurtenances and improvements, and land and temporary or permanent easement acquisitions as necessary or desirable to implement the improvements.

Affected property owners and electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Cromwell, Connecticut will be heard at the public hearing concerning the proposed sewer project.

Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008.

William B. Pie' Jr., Chairman  
Water Pollution Control Authority

Alice Kelly turns the presentation of the proposed Nooks Hill Sewer Project over to Joseph Mazurek.

Joseph Mazurek explains that the road reconstruction for Nooks Hill is part of a larger bonding project that encompasses the schools (9 Million) and other Town roads in need of reconstruction (11 Million). He explains that the proposed Nooks Hill project was originally presented to the Town's people in 1991. He says the proposal will encompass just short of 1 mile of Nooks Hill Road beginning at the railroad overpass going east toward the river. He remarks that it is typical to include the utility infrastructures in a road reconstruction project, as it is the ideal time to upgrade or construct them. The reconstruction of the road is to include culverts, catch basins, sewers, sidewalks and retaining walls. The bonding initiative of 5 million for the Nooks Hill project breaks down to 2.5 million for the road improvement and 2.5 million for the sewer and storm water infrastructure, pump stations etc. He indicates that the Board of Selectman will consider the results of the CWPCA Public Hearing/Special Meeting and those impacted by the project, and that the sewer project does not have to hold back the road reconstruction if it is not approved by the Sewer Commission. He turns the presentation over to Richard Peck to discuss the details of the sewer project specifically.

Richard Peck describes the project scope as approximately 3,200 ft of gravity sewer beginning at 104 Nooks Hill and ending at the intersection of River Park Dr. He says 2 pump stations are part of the proposal with locations identified at 140 Nooks Hill Rd and at 119 Nooks Hill Rd/13 Oak Ridge Dr. He also identified the location of the 6 potential individual grinder pump locations as 104, 126, 128, 130 & possibly 136 Nooks Hill Rd, and 30 potential connections with 8 deferred on Nooks Hill Rd and 59 River Drive(s) homes with deferred assessment costs of the pump stations and force mains for a total project cost of 979,365. Richard concludes the presentation by stating that the road restoration costs typically associated with a sewer project would not be part of this sewer project as it will fall under the road reconstruction bonding project and therefore would ultimately save hundreds of thousands of dollars in sewer assessments charges. He reiterates that with the proposed road project this is the ideal time to sewer the area.

#### **4. Citizens Comments**

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the Item(s) in the call only, comments on other matters will not be allowed. To be fair to all those in attendance a time limit of five (5) minutes for each comment will be established, and a person speaking will have to wait until all others have commented to be recognized again. All persons commenting must identify themselves by name and address so that their comments can be recognized in the tape recordings. Sarah Voog reads the guidelines for citizen's comments into the record.

Approximately 100+ people attended the Public Hearing.

In the order indicated below, the following residents that spoke at the meeting were not in favor of the sewer project:

Mike Cannata, 136 Nooks Hill Rd  
 Rich Waters, 84 South St  
 Charlie Terrio, 138 & 138R Nooks Hill Rd  
 Rich Ouellette, 122 & 124 Nooks Rd  
 John Nevico, 129 Nooks Hill Rd  
 Lainie Bartolotta, 110 Nooks Hill Rd  
 Dan Gassner, 1 River Park Dr  
 Linda Dos Santos, 127 Nooks Hill Rd  
 Mark Wright, 125 Nooks Hill Rd  
 Lori Young, 4 River Park Dr  
 William Aivano, 108 Nooks Hill Rd  
 Frank Discenza, 10 River Park Dr  
 Susan Dana, 106 nooks Hill Rd  
 March Young, 4 River Park Dr

No residents or citizens spoke in favor of the sewer project.

**5. Read Any Correspondence Into Record**

Sarah Voog reads an email correspondence received from John Giannitti & Maryline Lucherini, of 7 Riverdale Drive, into the record, the property owners expressed that they are opposed to the proposed Nooks Hill Sewer Project (a print of the email can be found in the meeting packet kept in the Sewer Department).

**6. Close Hearing- Thank all in Attendance**

Vice Chair, Alice Kelly, thanks all that attended the hearing. She closes the public hearing at 7:50PM as result of hearing no further comments.

**Special Meeting - Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair, Alice Kelly calls the special meeting to order at 7:53PM.

**2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates**

Present: Vice Chair, Alice Kelly, Tom Gunn, Jonathan Beatty  
 Excused: Chairman, William Pie', Secretary/Treasurer, Eric Zeilor  
 Also Present: BOS Liaison, David Murphy, Town Engineer, Joseph Mazurek,  
 Sewer Administrator, Richard Peck, Commission Clerk, Sarah Voog

**3. Report of Chairman**

a. Members Report – None

b. Staff Report

Rich asks the Authority to approve \$2,000 for consulting services from Weston & Sampson for ground water sampling and working in conjunction with DEP at the location of 308 Main St to determine how to discharge ground water during the replacement of the collapsed pipe.

**Jonathan Beatty makes a motion to approve the request for \$2,000 to pay Weston & Sampson for consulting services, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Gunn.**

**All in Favor, Motion Passes**

**4. Citizens Comment - None**

**5. Bills & Correspondence**

- a. Discussion was held regarding Weston & Sampson Invoice 157086, for \$8,306.00.

**Jonathan Beatty makes a motion to approve the payment request for Weston & Sampson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gunn.**

**All in Favor, Motion Passes**

- b. Discussion was held regarding Advanced Pipe Inspection Invoice #000001, for \$8,505.00.

**Tom Gunn makes a motion to approve the payment request for Advanced Pipe, as approved by Sewer Administrator, Richard Peck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jonathan Beatty.**

**All in Favor, Motion Passes**

**6. Special Meeting Business**

- a. Consideration and/or Approval of the Nooks Hill Sewer Project for Referendum Vote

Vice Chair, Alice Kelly addresses the assembled regarding the impact of the Public Hearing. She remarks that it is the CWPCA's policy to be proactive in the long-range plan to sewer the Town, as a result of the Town's road reconstruction proposal the sewer design needed to be brought to the residents affected by the proposal.

**Jonathan Beatty makes a motion to approve the Nooks Hill Sewer Project as presented for referendum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gunn.**

**Discussion is held.**

Jonathan Beatty says the area in question does have good soil for septic and the new systems could last a very long time as they are. Also, he remarks that noting the overwhelming objection to the project he will not support moving to a referendum vote.

Tom Gunn agreed with Jonathan Beatty's remark on the residents objection to the project, but asks them to consider the fact that the cost of sewers will only increase with each passing year and could easily double, as they have in the past, as materials and wage costs increase.

Alice Kelly comments that in her opinion the entire Town should be sewered as we move into the future, as she does not feel that septic waste going into the ground, which could ultimately end up in the ground water is in the best interest of the Town. She comments that as a result of the overwhelming disapproval of the sewer project that was expressed, by the residents, at the public hearing, she will not recommend the sewer project to move forward to a referendum vote.

Jonathan Beatty request the motion be moved to a vote.

**None in Favor, Motion Denied**

b. Other Business for the Good and Welfare of the CWPCA

1. Approval of Minutes November 19, 2007 (WB,EZ,TG) –  
Tabled

2. Approval of Minutes January 14, 2008

**Jonathan Beatty makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gunn.**

**All in Favor, Motion Passes**

3. Schedule February Special Meeting/Budget Workshop

The Authority approves the scheduling of a Budget Workshop/Special Meeting for February 28, 2008 at 6:30PM.

**7. Adjournment**

**Alice Kelly makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gunn.**

Respectfully Submitted By,

Sarah A. Voog  
CWPCA Commission Clerk