



Council Committee Notes - Water/Sewer

Date: February 3, 2010 **Time:** 8:30 AM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember John Smith (absent) **Attendees:** Councilmember Randy Moubray, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Chief WWTP Operator Pat Chenoweth, Field Superintendent James Seagle, Bill Rosenbaum – Progress Engineers

Visitors: Stuart Bunting, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury; Ben Burton, Bay Design

Notes on Discussions:

1. Stuart Bunting spoke to the Committee about RW-C's continued interest in connecting to the Kilmarnock sewer system. He said his existing plant currently processes about 30,000 gallons per day of ordinary domestic wastewater, with no significant peaks and/or valleys in flow. They would prefer to get out of the treatment business to focus on their core business. They currently have two wells and over 50 acres of undeveloped land and would be willing to enter serious discussions with the Town if there is any interest on our part. Mr. Bunting will try to attend the joint session of Council and Planning Commission next week when the water/wastewater master plan study will be presented and will follow up after that to see whether there are any opportunities for progress. If not, RW-C will have to evaluate other options, he stated.
2. Bill Rosenbaum distributed copies of his report that details what he found when he analyzed the condition and capacity of the School Street and Wiggins Avenue sewer lift stations. His report recommends upgrade/repair work over three time scales. For now both stations are operating within design capacity parameters but he believes there may be some storm-event inflow issues that need addressing immediately.
3. Ben Burton, representing Mercer Place Apartments/Lancaster Partners, showed the Committee preliminary plans for how they propose to get water and sewer service to the project. He outlined several alternate routes and discussed the pros and cons of each. They have not yet determined if the project must have fire sprinklers or not and until they do their calculations on pressure and flow cannot be finalized. The issue of tap fees was discussed and TM Saunders suggested to Mr. Burton that in order to get a ruling on what will be required the Foundation should make a formal request of the town or complete a water/sewer service application.
4. James Seagle reported that all is well with the Town's water distribution system for now. Well #3 is complete and ready to connect to the system once the final bacteriological test results are approved, which could happen any day. He suggested that the town make an effort to communicate to residents and water customers the need to monitor their plumbing and deal with leaks promptly as there have been several instances lately of high water bills due to leaking fixtures which the owners claimed to

be unaware of. Something similar to the educational mailing sent out last fall would be helpful, he said.

5. Pat Chenoweth reported that the plant has performed well during the month. She reported that Richard Lynn has been hired to fill the vacancy at the WWTP. Richard has several years experience as assistant operator of the Tides Inn WWTP and extensive experience in facility maintenance and metal fabrication and she expects him to be a valuable addition to the team. She also reported that repairs to the Pista Grit system, which has not functioned properly for some time, costing ~\$7900, have been ordered. TM Saunders explained that this work falls within the operating budget of the plant and Commonwealth Engineering is a sole-source vendor for the system.

Recommendations to Council: none at this time

Recommended for further study: none at this time