



Council Committee Notes - Water/Sewer

Date: February 2, 2011 **Time:** 8:30 AM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember John Smith

Attendees: Mayor Raymond Booth, Council members John Smith and Randy Moubray, Town Manager Tom Saunders, WWTP Chief Operator Pat Chenoweth, Field Utilities Superintendent James Seagle, Bill Rosenbaum – Progress Engineers

Visitors: John O'Keefe and Nan Flynn of the local Habitat for Humanity

Notes on Discussions:

1. Mr. O'Keefe and Ms. Flynn told the Committee that Habitat has been given property on Wiggins Avenue that can be divided into two or three building lots and they would like to use them but find the Town's utility connection fees to be prohibitive. They asked for a waiver or significant reduction in the fee for their project. After considerable discussion the Committee agreed to recommend to Council a 20% reduction for these Habitat lots.
2. TM Saunders advised the Committee that he has discussed the supplemental bill received from Waste Water Management but had not yet sent a letter explaining the Town's position.
3. The Committee reviewed proposed language for amending the Town's ordinance concerning private wells and agreed to recommend the change to Council. A public hearing is required.
4. The Committee reviewed and discussed the FY 2012 CIP initial draft.
5. The Committee discussed the WWTP blower noise complaints/letters from Crandall and Umphlett and directed staff to research possible measures to reduce sounds emanating from the plant.
6. FYI Items:
 - a. MBR/Grace Hill project update
 - b. Harvey Lane pump replacement
 - c. Walnut Ave leak fix
 - d. School Street leak repair
 - e. permit status update
 - f. discharge violation in December due to snow response

Recommendations to Council:

1. Reduce connection fees for Habitat homes on Wiggins Avenue by 20%.
2. Adopt changes to Town Code regarding private irrigation wells after holding a public hearing at the March Council meeting.

Recommended for further study:

1. Noise reduction measures at WWTP.