

July 29, 2015

Item I: Call to Order: The special meeting of the Sterling Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Member's present-Russell Gray, Neil Cook, John Firlik and C. Peter Rabbitt. Member's absent-Dale Clark. Staff present-Joyce Gustavson and Kara Fishman (6:13 p.m.). Also present-Lincoln Cooper, Russell Tierney, and Eric Smith.

Item II: Consider and Act on Switching to WhiteWater, Inc. for Water and/or Wastewater Operations: Russell Tierney, Northeast Regional Manager of Whitewater, Inc. made the introductions for himself and Eric Smith, Manager of Whitewater, Inc., a water and wastewater solutions company located in Charlton, MA. R. Tierney gave a PowerPoint presentation on the services they can provide to the Town for the operation and maintenance of public and private water. Items covered included: Where the Corporate, Operations, and Satellite Offices are located; Commitment to Safety, including four (4) internal safety inspections per year; Summary of Services; Summary of Capabilities, including 86 current employees; Operational Benefits of Privatization; Municipal Clients, providing services to over fifty (50) municipal clients; An overview of service operation, maintenance and management of the water since 7/22/1992 Chelsea Water, Sewer and Drain Department, and Southbridge Water Department since 5/1/1989; Wastewater and Water System Operation & Maintenance; and other services including system support, inspection services, preventative maintenance programs and cross connection control programs. R. Tierney stated that services are paid as they occur with a two (2) hour minimum. R. Gray asked if WhiteWater samples the water and keeps the Town up to date, and R. Tierney stated yes and they will also work with the State. E. Smith stated that Whitewater has been working with Connecticut Water to make sure the transition goes smooth and whatever contract the Town has with Connecticut Water will still apply. The costs of working on a project will be comparable to what the Town is currently paying and there will be no lapse in service. Connecticut Water will maintain the alarm until the transition is complete. N. Cook asked how often WhiteWater provides service to the system, what is the contract length and what are the advantages to signing on to a longer contract. R. Tierney responded that they provide service three (3) days a week, and chlorine adjustments are made in the field if need be; the contract length is whatever contract we have with Connecticut Water and there are always advantages to signing on to a longer contract. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by N. Cook to accept the transition of our current contract to WhiteWater, Inc. All voted in favor of the motion.

Item III: Adjournment: N. Cook made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary