

1 **Wilton Sewer Commission**
2 **Monthly Meeting, Thursday, September 12, 2013**
3 **DRAFT Minutes**

APPROVED 10/10/13

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6 The Wilton Sewer Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday,
7 September 12th in the Town Hall Courtroom. Present were Commissioners Tom Herlihy
8 (Chairman), Chris Carter and Tom Schultz; Clerk Joanna K Eckstrom; and Hubert
9 Thompson (General Manager) and Richard G Berthiaume (Manager) of Eastern Pipe
10 service LLC.

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12 Tentative Agenda:

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14 * Mr. Herlihy called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. As there were no members of the
15 public presednt (other than those on the agenda), there was no public input or
16 comment.

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18 * Minutes – On a motion by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Carter, the minutes of the
19 August 8th regular meeting were approved unanimously as written.

20 On a motion by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Carter, the minutes of the August 9th
21 continued meeting were approved unanimously as written.

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23 * Accounts Payable invoices were signed as needed. The YTD expenditures was
24 reviewed. While accounts seem to be in order, Ms. Eckstrom said Labor Clerical has
25 the last pay period of 2012, paid on January 2nd, 2013 included. This affects 2013
26 budget for this line item. Mr. Herlihy thought commission should consider adjusting the
27 2014 Labor-Clerical line item.

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29 * Accounts Receivable

30 Ms. Farrell did not have any billing issues or abatements to discuss.

31 A YTD Revenue report was presented however it was unclear what amount has
32 been collected for 2013 billings. With respect to 2012 billings collected in 2013, Ms.
33 Eckstrom said that outstanding accounts are to be liened on Sept. 16th (notices given)
34 so the sewer department will get that money from the Town.

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36 * Update Pump Station Labor and Safety – Mr. Herlihy said Pam Atwood had been in
37 touch with LGC about initial or refresher training about blood-borne pathogens. Steve
38 Elliott, Public Works Director says employees have all had it and he will not support
39 their having training again. Commissioners agree that any town worker who does work
40 for the sewer department needs to have this training; if Mr. Elliott objects, he should put
41 in writing that he is responsible for any illness that arises. Mr. Herlihy will follow up with
42 Pam to confirm documentation in employee file that training has been done; Hep A

43 shots scheduled with flu shots. Minimum standard that sewer department observes is
44 OSHA 10. Sewer department to notify Mr. Elliott of this; if needed, Steve can bring to
45 Selectmen's attention.

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47 * Maple St Project – Commissioners agreed that there should be one spokesperson
48 for the department – Mr. Herlihy.

49 The Ashley Saari (Ledger) article was discussed. It is fairly accurate.

50 Mr. Carter said the project is going smoothly however there were a few minor
51 surprises which were handled without added cost. There was no 'tracing' done when
52 project was originally engineered. Consensus that in future, tracing will be SOP. A few
53 new services have been added (K-17 and K-18 were tied together). Areas near where
54 tree was removed had some minor problems but these were repaired. The new
55 manhole at Prince Street has been set. Estimated completion of project by end of
56 month. Commission to research whether bond can be used this year for repairs to
57 system that are proximate to Maple Street or if this has to be addressed at Town
58 Meeting in March 2014.

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60 * Eastern Pipe / Island Street repairs – Mr. Herlihy said that department has been
61 dealing with issues on Island Street Eastern Pipe did repairs awhile back. Sewage is
62 backing up into basements. At Mr. Carter's request, Hubert Thompson and Richard
63 Berthiaume were invited to meeting to provide clarification of the work they did pursuant
64 to their Jan. 29, 2010 contract, what warranties may have been given and may still
65 exist, or if there is any reason for department to back-bill Eastern. Mr. Berthiaume has
66 been with company for several years and is very familiar with project; Mr. Thompson is
67 new owner of Eastern but stands behind the company.

68 Mr. Berthiaume said his company camera-ed 1100 feet of 6 inch pipe and found
69 several areas needing repair. Their proposal notes these areas ... Eastern has no
70 record of ever receiving a signed agreement from the sewer department but says work
71 was done and the company was paid. (Total project estimate: \$39,040 – sewer
72 department did not have at hand actual amount paid to Eastern.) They were called in
73 2011 – went from manhole to manhole and did trims; in 2012, they cleaned out
74 (brushed) a line that sagged. Mr. Carter confirmed that Eastern had come 3-4 times
75 and made repairs at their expense.

76 Mr. Berthiaume said it's the material (pipe) that's warranted, not the success of
77 trimming back connections. If problems still exist, Mr. Thompson said town needs to
78 call Eastern, they will camera, find problem and either repair at their expense as
79 appropriate or make recommendations for repair.

80 Mr. Berthiaume noted that there is a section that was never 'visited' near the bridge.
81 He said they have a new process – Permaliner Lateral – where they slip-line from the
82 house to the street.

83 Commissioners thanked Eastern for coming; all look forward to future business.
84 (Eastern camera'ed Maple Street).

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* Follow-up – Mission Communications – nothing new
Island St Bridge – waiting for price to install hangers – Mr. Herlihy to contact Holden
'Muffin grinder' – a meeting is set for 9/20 9:30 AM with Rural Water to discuss
Work Order – form has been printed.

* Update, if any, of Milford-Wilton Inter-municipal Wastewater Agreement – nothing
new; Mr. Herlihy will follow up.

* Other business:

Wilton Main Street Association – Chuck Wagner – asked for refund / abatement of
sewer (and water) charges going back 10 years. Commissioners believe charges fair
and appropriate – not willing to refund or abate.

Mr. Carter said Mathewson has quoted \$12,000 to do sewer line at Tremont Street at
Weissflog property. Information will be sought to do the project this year while
Mathewson is in area.

* Next meeting - Thursday – October 10th at 6:30 PM Town Hall courtroom.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna K. Eckstrom Clerk