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COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH STREET, BRANFORD, CT

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 7 P.M.

*John E. Appin*  
TOWN CLERK

Chairman David Steinhardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Chairman David Steinhardt, Chris DiAdamo, Kurt Uihlein, Mike Tamsin, Justin Rossetti, Yvette Larrieu, and James Integlia.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Brian Devlin, Engineer John Hoefflerle, and Attorney Peter Berdon

**Approval of Minutes – 11/14/2023**

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Rossetti, and seconded by Mr. Tamsin. Ms. Larrieu abstained. Motion carries.

**Correspondence:** No Correspondence

**Approval of Vouchers:** No voucher presented at this time. We are waiting for a revised voucher.

**Discussion:**

a. Wastewater Infrastructure Climate Resiliency Report

Mr. Paul Muniz, who wrote the original report (RFP) over a year ago or so, is present for this discussion regarding the wastewater resiliency infrastructure.

One project idea, back in 2016 were identifying the Treatment Plant and pump stations that lie in flood plains, and working with the Coastal Vulnerability Working Group and Treatment Plant on Coastal resiliency. A majority of pump stations are in flood plains.

Mr. Hoefflerle said RFP is at its first phase for Phase 3 will be final design and permitting, and phase 4 will be construction. The Treatment Plant building is critical.

At the January meeting we will discuss these buildings and what will trigger resiliency improvements. The policy will be set by WPCA.

Phase 2 will identify funding.

Discussions continued regarding Wet Flood Proofing vs. Dry Flood Proofing. Wet Flood Proofing lets water in, Dry Flood Proofing works by building a berm or moat to keep water out which is very expensive.

We cannot have the Treatment Plant go down or 2/3's of the Town will have serious consequences.

Mr. Muniz discusses a study from 7 years ago, and the number one concern was sea levels.

At the January meeting we will discuss expenses for RFP's.  
We should form another sub-committee with the Coastal Resiliency Group.

b. Sewer Use Fee

Mr. Devlin would like to table this discussion until the January meeting. He spoke with the Finance Dept. and got some proposals.  
The next meeting he will have the numbers.

Mr. Hoefflerle said the sewer use fees have to match expenditures

The original fee started at \$130.00. Then went to \$170.00.  
Increases should be discussed with the Administration.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent:**

Mr. Devlin reports for the month of November, Sewage processed 3.7 AVG MGD, Septic waste processed 1,077.50 Gallons, and septic revenue was \$70,470.60.

Plant Operations: Installed new sander on plant truck. Serviced winter equipment. Ordered polymer for gravity belt thickener. Serviced heating equipment and boilers for the winter season. Services UV System and D O probes located in the oxidation ditches.

Collection System: Clean and inspected pump stations weekly. Pumped out holding tanks.

Winterized seasonal pump station. Repaired block heater on generators at Victor Hill, Frank Street, and Lanphiers pump stations. Repaired generator at Harbor St.

Pulled pump at Chestnut pump station, clean pump due to rags, changed oil and filter. Pulled pump at Hemlock pump station due to rags. Camera 3145 feet of sewer line. Jetted 1784 feet of sewer line.

We had two emergency repairs at Ponds pump station.

**Town Engineer:** No Report

**WPCA Attorney:** No Report

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Integlia, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu.  
Motion carries unanimously at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille Linke, Clerk