

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH STREET, BRANFORD, CT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

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

**Roll Call:** Chairman David Steinhardt, Chris DiAdamo, Mike Tamsin, Justin Rossetti, James Integlia, and Yvette Larrieu via Zoom

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

**Absent:** Kurt Uihlein

**Approval of Vouchers-**

- a. Invoice 5408 for \$291.50

A motion was made to approve the voucher by Mr. Tamsin, and seconded by Mr. Rossetti. Motion carries unanimously.

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**Sewer Referral – North Branford WPCA – 832 E. Main Street**

- a. Review, and if appropriate, provide a positive referral for a North Branford Single-family residence to connect to the Town of Branford collection system

The owners of 832 East Main Street are requesting to connect to the Town of Branford’s sewer collection system due to a failing septic system.

The sewer line was extended for Bill Miller’s Castle. There is a gravity line, lateral was required when Bill Miller’s came through. Both the Towns of Branford and North Branford will issue permits. The Town of North Branford will collect the fee.

Attorney Berdon states, if they are connected to our mains, we have the authority to an agreement. If allowed to hook up, they will need a written agreement. The Town of Branford will have a separate agreement.

If there is an expansion or sub division, or third party, this change of use will be brought to us, with the property owners addressing the direct agreement.

Attorney Berdon will write the agreement.

A motion was made by Ms. Larrieu to allow the property at 832 E. Main Street to connect to the Town of Branford collection system, with a written agreement from Branford, and seconded by Mr. Integlia. Motion carries unanimously.

**Sewer Access – 329 (aka 325) East Main St (old movie theater)**

- a. Project review only; capacity study required

Mr. John Schmitz representing C.P. Branford, LLC.

They are proposing site improvements to include converting the existing 46,557 S.F. movie theater to a self storage facility, with no change to the overall footprint of the building. Other site improvements will include construction of a new 3,000 S.F. medical office building, a new 2,313 S.F. restaurant, coffee shop with a drive-thru, and a new 116-unit residential building. There will be no alterations to the Walgreens portion of the site who are already hooked up to sewers. There is already a pump station at this property.

Mr. Hoefflerle said we are looking for a capacity study, then they will come back before the WPCA once we make a final approval.

A motion was made for C.P. Branford, LLC, to do a capacity study by our third party at 329 (aka 325) East Main Street, by Mr. DiAdamo, and seconded by Mr. Tamsin. Motion carries unanimously.

**Wastewater Pollution Control Facility – FY 2025 Budget**

- a. Hear a presentation by Brian Devlin, Superintendent-and review, and if appropriate, recommend the Fiscal Year 2025 budget be approved for Wastewater Pollution Control Facility.

Mr. Devlin presents his budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

His total increase requesting is 1.7%

He is requesting additional funds for extra pump outs that are required by East Shore Health District, for the properties on the Thimble Islands. Requesting from \$45,000. To \$60,000.

Fischer and Brooks have barges that go to the Thimble Islands to pump them out, and they meet our Septic Vendor (Whitfield Sanitation) who pumps out the residential properties (through bid) on land. Whitfield Sanitation will now to pick this up and dump at our facility with a \$25.00 permit, like the residential customers do, every three years, and we are required to pay for his services.

This was required by ESHD and DHP.

Also requesting from \$105,000 to \$110,000 for the New Equipment account. Due to inflation. Lastly he is requesting \$50,000 to \$75,000, for repairs and, rebuilds of submersible pumps at pump stations.

Replacing older pumps with non-clogging pumps.

He has money in the Capital account for re-sleeving pipes around Town. Redoing Pine Orchard Pump Station. This station was worked on 6 years ago, and the base is cracking. Needs upgrade.

He brings Reed from Control Systems to put in Mission Units, (station alarms) and cabinets. Raising for the resiliency work, raising pump stations. Reed is installing 2 – 3 mission units to our pump stations. With the mission units, they are set up that when an alarm comes through, the guys can check the station on their phone to see what the problem is.

Having 51 pump stations to maintain, he has lost 6 pumps in the last 3 months. He has the money for these repairs.

There was further discussion on the budget regarding the sludge removal. The sludge is picked up with a tanker from Synagro, and brought to New Haven. If New Haven doesn't have room, it's brought to Naugatuck or Rhode Island.

Further discussed Nitrogen credits. We get money each year from The State, for our good Nitrogen numbers. We come up on top. The State doesn't pay as much as they once did, but we do get money each year. Some Towns have to pay due to their nitrogen numbers. We do well because our septic trucks that dump at the WWTP are a good source of carbon.

Also, attached the EDU's for 2025 utility fund from Jim Finch, and we will keep the EDU's at \$170.00 per unit.

A motion was made to accept the proposed 2025 Fiscal Year budget presented by Mr. Devlin, and seconded by Mr. Integlia. Motion carries unanimously.

#### **Executive Session**

- a. To discuss the claim for damage to the sewer main at 245 East Main Street

A motion was made by Mr. Rossetti, to enter into executive session to discuss emergency repairs at 245 East Main Street, and seconded by Tamsin at 7:55 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Clerk Camille Linke, Superintendent Brian Devlin, and Attorney Peter Berdon, were asked to attend the executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Rossetti to exit the executive session, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu at 8:10 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

For the record, no votes were taken during executive session.

Item 7. To consider, discuss and take appropriate action relative to the claim for damage to the sewer main at 245 East Main Street, including but not limited to claims pursuit and/or entering into agreements with the property owner and/or others.

A motion was made to authorize the authority council to take all the necessary and appropriate action to 245 East Main Street, and authority, to negotiate the claim, by Mr. Rossetti, and seconded by Mr. Tamsin. Motion carries unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Rossetti and seconded by Ms. Larrieu Motion carries unanimously at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille Linke, Clerk