

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH STREET, BRANFORD, CT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call: Chairman David Steinhardt, Justin Rossetti, Chris DiAdamo, and Yvette Larrieu

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

Absent: Kurt Uihlein, Mike Tamsin and James Integlia

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Ms. Larrieu, and seconded by Mr. Rossetti. Motion carries unanimously.

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Account Transfer:

FROM: Utilities	21043030 544100	(\$5,000.00)
Technology	21043030 579150	(\$3,000.00)
Consulting	21043030 533280	(\$12,000.00)
TO: Repair & Maintenance		\$20,000.00

Mr. Devlin needs these transfers to Repair & Maintenance account due to having to purchase 9 pumps, and additional repairs to a few pump stations, due to heavy rains causing damage.

There was discussion regarding if there will be enough money left in the accounts being used for the transfer. Mr. Devlin said he will have enough to get us to the new fiscal year on July 1, 2024.

A motion was made to approve the account transfer as presented by Ms. Larrieu, and seconded by Mr. DiAdamo. Motion carries unanimously.

Sewer Access – 61 E. Industrial Road

This property was previously approved under a different use for sewer access.

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It was never developed.

Now looking to have 8 indoor pickleball courts, and 2 outdoor pickleball courts and bar. Flows were reviewed by Mr. Devlin and consultants AECOM. No issues were found. We will need a sewer agreement to allow access.

A motion was made to allow access to sewers, subject to a sewer agreement by Mr. DiAdamo and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion:

a. Wastewater Infrastructure Climate Resiliency Subcommittee

Mr. Hoeffler states Data is in for Phase #1 at Treatment and Pump Stations that are Risks for flooding, and elevations. DEEP requires protection of critical components at Treatment Plant, and Pump Stations. Need to look at Treatment Plant risks, and what solutions there are.

The Climate Resiliency subcommittee needs to come up with a date each month to meet to address issues.

It was suggested meeting the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

We will send these dates to the Resiliency Committee and have them choose what dates work better for them to meet. The Committee will determine what direction to go. Paul Muniz from the Resiliency Committee will help with next phase.

b. Rose Hill Road Sewer Extension

Rose Hill Road sewer extension is in the West side of Town.

There was a sub-division approved in 2011.

The Town appropriated money for this project at the time.

They were proposing a pump station at this development.

There is a new developer who would like to develop an over 55 community with 22 units.

There have been many issues in this part of town with failing septic systems.

In 2011 the agreement was established that the residents could hook up to sewers.

There was no termination with this original agreement.

There was discussion regarding what would motivate residents in that area to hook up to sewers with the additional costs vs putting a new septic system in.

Once the sewers are in, they will be required to hook up to sewers.

Money was already budgeted for this project. There was no dollar amount specified in the agreement. Will need a second agreement. This is an opportunity for the Town.

There will be a public hearing regarding the project with the residents. They will get a letter certified mail and be posted in the New Haven Register.

Reports:

Town Engineer Report:

Mr. Hoefflerle said a large vacant property on Commercial Parkway, left on the way up to Walmart, is being proposed as a residential development. A capacity study was approved a few months ago. AECOM set up flow monitoring station.

Large weather events showed issues. It was recommended not to approve access to that development due to capacity issues.

Next step is to check the trunk lines to make sure nothing is restricting the flows.

Mr. Devlin said he just got a price from a company to do the work to camera the lines. \$6,800 to \$10,200. We also have a camera to check the lines.

The next step after videotaping would be a smoke test to determine if anyone is hooking up sump pumps, catch basins, downspouts to sewers.

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Devlin said we processed 5.9 AVG MGD of sewage. Gallons of waste processed was 1,033,000. Septic receiving revenue was \$67,083.75.

Plant Operations: Repaired oxidation ditch, and garage door at truck loading building. Serviced Polymer system. Exercised Plant Generator. Serviced gravity belt thickener.

Collection Systems: Cleaned pump stations and pumped out holding tanks weekly.

Insituform met with Dan LaBanca to go over more sewer lines.

Cleaned out catch basins at Murphy School for Public Works.

Jetted 1793 feet of sewer line. Repaired water line at Pages Pump Station.

Pump station replaced bases and force mains at Pawson Pump Station and Pine Orchard Pump Station. Ordered sealed manhole frame and covers for Waverly Rd.

Waiting for contractor to install them.

Will do a feasibility study for the resiliency questions regarding the treatment plant. We do 4.2 average per day, but with the crazy rains have us hitting 18 million. The system is designed for 15.3.

AECOM is working with Mr. Devlin on the UV System. The system is 22 years old.

They no longer make this particular system that we have.

Wallingford and Meriden use a unit by Trojan Technologies

We have one channel that treats our disinfection. The State required two channels.

We have been rebuilding the one we have with secondhand parts. We get the UV lamps from North Carolina. Eventually we will have to change this system.

The budget went through. One more step to complete it.

WPCA Attorney

Attorney Berdon completed the agreement for the Norh Branford property on East Main Street by Bill Miller.

With respect to 245 East Main Street, we have been back and forth with the insurance company. The insurance company doesn't want to pay until all invoices are in. Just got invoice for sealing manhole. Need to get the landscaping and paving sent to property owner.

We are now putting pressure on the Insurance Company for owner to contractor. The property owner has been cooperative. They will not get the C/O unless this is paid.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Larrieu and seconded by Mr. DiAdamo
Motion carries unanimously at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Linke, Clerk