

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mark Winik called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Mark Winik, David Steinhardt, Mike Tamsin, Joseph Herget, and Robert Imperato

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Gregory, Town Engineer John Hoefflerle, and Attorney Peter Berdon

Absent: Yvette Larrieu, and Ryan Sullivan

Approval of Minutes – 11/12/19

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

Correspondence: No Correspondence at this time

Approval of Vouchers:

One voucher was brought forward from Atty. Peter Berdon for \$142.50 for inquiry by Branford Tax Collector. A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to approve the voucher for \$142.50, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

Sewer Access Applications – 50 East Industrial Road; 8 Notch Hill Rd (N.Branford – Bill Miller’s Castle) 51 Mill Plain Road

50 East Industrial Road is Carbonella and Desarbo Company. The effluent will consist of finely ground/macerated fruit and vegetable trim waste. They would grind this waste and flush it through the sewer. The waste discharged would be 90% or greater of water to particulate ratio. This is a 59,000 square foot building.

It is recommended that they install a doghouse manhole, so the Wastewater Treatment Department can inspect the waste being discharged.

It is requested that Mr. Gregory research other Town’s that accept this type of waste.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to accept the sewer access application from Carbonella and Desarbo Company, under the conditions that Mr. Gregory is comfortable from the results of his research, and a doghouse manhole will be installed for inspection, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

8 Notch Hill Road - Bill Miller’s Castle.

TO: Consulting Services 21043030 533280 \$20,000.00

Mr. Gregory explains that this budget transfer is requested for consulting services that our Department needs for the required CMOM check list that must be compiled for the EPA. With the transfer, the utility account balance will be \$475,111.62, which will leave enough to carry us through the remainder of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to approve the transfer to the consulting services account, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business – 61-73 Goodsell Point Road capacity study

AECOM did a capacity study at sewer shed at Harbor Street Pump Station.

We have done upgrades, and it's recommended a flow meter to get better data.

AECOM will give a cost for additional services which will be provided to the owner.

New Business:

Mr. Peter Kusterer is here from 3 Three Elms Rd. in Stony Creek.

He is requesting the Town to pump out his holding tank at Thimble Island Marina for \$130.00 a year.

The Town of Branford currently pumps out residential holding tanks in Stony Creek, not commercial properties.

Mr. Kusterer has learned that the Town pumps out Stony Creek Depot, as well as the Fife and Drum Corp. These two businesses pay \$130.00 a year. He wants to be treated like the other two places.

The regulations for pump outs of the holding tanks were last revised in 2008.

Mr. Hoefflerle stated the property 116 Thimble Island Road was sold in 2015. When the new owners changed the property to commercial, they should not have been pumped out any longer, but Mr. Gregory was told he had to continue to pump this out for health reasons.

Mr. Imperato recommends nothing be done tonight, and Mr. Gregory and Mr. Hoefflerle will research this subject further, and report it at the next WPCA meeting on February 11, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to take no action at this time, but will add this item to continue at the next WPCA meeting, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Gregory presented his report for the month of December.

The plant has been running well.

The nitrogen credits are on track to bring in more money to the WWTP, then the previous year.

One air diffuser on the oxidation ditch broke. It has since been repaired.

The septic count is down from previous months due to the winter months, when the pump out activity goes down.

Mr. Herget wanted to discuss the septic receiving building for the plant, and what progress has been made. With the Septic Receiving building, the septic vendors would no longer be able to use the honor system, and their exact loads dumped at the plant would be calculated.

Mr. Gregory has been working on a few different options for septic receiving buildings.

The Board has decided to table the septic receiving building at this time.

Town Engineer's Report:

The Riverview and Hemlock forcemains moving forward in February.

The exit 55 forcemain relocation is done.

There are still capital projects to be done, and the money is there.

Mr. Gregory to research belt presses.

WPCA Attorney Report:

Mr. Berdon has nothing to report.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Herget at 8:44 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Camille Linke
Clerk