# 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 Hoefferle, 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 my 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.

This building is in North Branford. Their WPCA referred this to Branford WPCA for hook up into sewers. Criscuolo and AECOM Engineering firms were consulted and it's not an issue with flows. They have gotten wetlands and DOT approvals. This sewer agreement would be with North Branford WPCA, and their sewer use fee will be by water consumption. Whatever North Branford comes up with, we will be paid from the sewer use fee from North Branford. Evergreen Woods already is established with this type of payment.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to accept the Sewer Access Application as presented, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

#### 51 Mill Plain Road

This is a residential home, not currently connected to sewers. Mike Vecchio is present here tonight, who is in the process of purchasing the house. The septic system is failing. It needs modifications, and he will hire someone for approval to the design subject to Engineers plans. The applicant would change the pipe from 6" to 8" main extension at no cost to the WPCA. An access fee will also be charged to homeowner.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to approve subject to the access agreement and cost of the 8" pipe subject to the Town Engineer compliance, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

**Discussion and recommendation** – 497 E. Main Street sewer easement

There is contaminated soil at 497 E. Main Street.

This is west of the shoreline Mobile Home Park, near Leetes Island Rd.

To resolve the issue DEEP requests an environmental land use restriction.

There is no easement.

Mr. Gregory had his workers videotape the line. They found a sag in the line, but were able to get through. The pipes are in good shape, and can last for another 40 years. If we had to dig up there, the dirt would be put on tarps and some put back.

Attorney Berdon states there is nothing to subordinate until we have an easement. The buyer will have to supply the easement.

A motion was made to table this agreement, and take no action at this time, by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

#### **Add New Business**

Mr. Peter Kusterer is present tonight, to request his holding tank be pumped out by the Town. A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to add new business to the end of the agenda to hear Mr. Peter Kusterer's request for a Town Pumpout, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

# **Budget Transfer/New Account:**

FROM: Utility Account 21043030 544100 (\$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. Hoefferle 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. Hoefferle 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