

# **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

Chairman Mark Winik called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

**Also Present:** Engineer John Hoefflerle, and Superintendent Dan Gregory

**Absent:** Yvette Larrieu, Ryan Sullivan

**Correspondence:** We received a letter from Hans N. Strilbyckij regarding his business at 824 East Main Street. He feels he is being unfairly charged for his sewer use fee. He states his water consumption, and his use, versus a residential home's water use is not comparable. He is requesting a change his business status to warehouse status.

We also received a letter, regarding resident at 12 Parker Place. When purchased in August 2015, it was listed as a two family residence. They have since demolished the home, and rebuilt as a one family. They have paid for 2 EDU's (\$260.00) for the past three years, when it should have been billed for 1 EDU's (\$130.00). They would like the record changed to a one family home, and given a refund for the past three years when they paid an additional \$390.00.

## **Sewer Access Application – 5 Indian Neck Avenue (food trailer & grain silo)**

Mr. Ed Crowley, owner of Stony Creek Brewery, and Engineer James M. Pretti, Jr. were in attendance with this proposal. Mr. Pretti, brought forward plans looking to access sewer for a mobile and food truck with a flexible connection. He is looking for a permanent lateral for kitchen sink and grease traps. Food truck trailer size is 8-1/2' x 40'. Mr. Crowley, owner of the brewery will also be the owner of the food truck.

They are also looking to hook up grain silo to go into the lateral.

Mr. Gregory questions what is the liquid that would be going into the lateral?

Mr. Gregory said they need a check valve.

The silo would have a catch box under the silo valve, connected to a lateral, added to the side of the building.

There was further discussion of the flooding in the area, and the elevation.

The Fire Marshal and Planning & Zoning have already approved this.

Mr. Gregory suggests they put a dump station on the side of the building, with an automatic pump.

Before moving forward, Mr. Gregory and Mr. Hoefflerle, will need to approve the updated plans and agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to accept the submitted proposal, with the final approval being signed off by Town Engineer, John Hoefflerle, and Superintendent Dan Gregory, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

### **Sewer Use Fee Adjustments – 824 East Main St.; 12 Parker Pl.**

**824 East Main Street:** Mr. Hans N. Strilbyckij is looking to have the status changed from store status to warehouse status. He feels he is being unfairly charged. There was discussion regarding the sewer use fee. It does not go by water consumption, but a formula done in the Assessor's office. The difference is the Store Status 7.2 EDU's and Warehouse status 3.6 EDU's. The Board has decided that Mr. Strilbyckij needs to go to the Assessor's office to see if a change can be made from store to warehouse status. Mr. Hoefflerle said he will send a letter to Mr. Strilbyckij to explain this decision.

**12 Parker Place:** When this house was purchased in August 2015, it was listed as a two family residence, even though they stated one of the dwellings was illegal. They have been paying 2 EDU's for a two family (\$260.00), even though they demolished the home, and it was rebuilt as one family which should be charged 1 EDU (\$130.00). They would like a refund for the additional EDU,s they have paid for the past three years.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to change assessment to 1 family, (1 EDU), moving forward, and to refund the additional payment of \$390.00, that has been charged as a 2 family, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

### **Riverview Avenue Foremain design update:**

Engineer James M. Pretti, Jr. Criscuolo Engineering Engineering, LLC working on the design.

Mr. Hoefflerle, discusses there are a few holding tanks in the area. The rock profile in that area is high.

Currently The Town of Branford Wastewater Department goes every week to pump out three holding tanks. The owners pay \$130.00 a year for this service.

East Shore Health District is pushing to get rid of these holding tanks. The Town does not want to add another pump station, but wants a low-pressure forcemain system. A forcemain running to Riverview will pump up to effluent to gravity forcemain to allow residents to hook up to sewers. There will be 13 residential units with the ability to hook up to sewers once this is done.

The Town would own the forcemain in the Street and the connections. The Cost is estimated at \$185,000.00 to do this work, with an estimated cost of \$20,000.00 per household to hook up. There will be a \$6,000.00 access fee. Once this forcemain is in place, the hook up to sewers will be mandatory for the three holding tank residences. The other 10 residences will not be forced to hook up, but will no longer be eligible for their septic systems to be pumped out with the Town Pump Out Service (\$25.00). They will be on their own to hire a septic company to pump out their septic tanks.

Mr. Gregory wants a low pressure system force main, standardized. He is also looking for an alarm system.

All properties will have to have the same set up, so the Wastewater Dept. can have an entire reserve set up on hand for emergencies.

Mr. Hoefflerle, will set up a public information meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to approve the concept, however needs more detail on the design specification sheet of what they would pass on to the consumer, with the final approval by Mr. Gregory and Mr. Hoefflerle, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

**Approval of Vouchers:**

One voucher was brought forward from Attorney Peter Berdon for \$1,496.25.

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

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Gregory presented his report of operations and collection.

In October, we received 1,106,715 gallons of septic at the Plant, with a collection of \$73,016.63.

We purchased 5 Channel Monsters as the sole source.

Three were put into the Hosley Pump Station.

One of our employees has resigned and we will be hiring a replacement in the near future.

Mr. Gregory has been looking into purchasing a new, smaller sewer jet truck. He will still keep the vactor truck. The smaller truck will be easier to get through town and into smaller spaces.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Hoeffler has been working with Mr. Gregory on pump station discharges and, manholes and outflow sewer lines and looking at video tapes from Dan on corroded pipes.

An Assistant Engineer, Jennifer Acquino, has been hired.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Imperato at 8:25 PM. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille Linke, Clerk