

# **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

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

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

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dan Gregory, Town Engineer John Hoefflerle, Operations Manager Brian Devlin, and Attorney Peter Berdon

**Absent:** Ryan Sullivan

## **Approval of Minutes – 4-9-2019**

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

**Correspondence:** A letter was presented by Mr. Wayne Cooke, regarding the Costco application process. The letter requested the WPCA read it aloud at this meeting, and weigh in on it. Chairman Mark Winik read the letter, and then thanked Mr. Cooke for making the Commission aware of it. Mr. Tamsin asked if the WPCA had anything to do with this Costco application process, and Mr. Cooke said no. The Letter will be put on record.

**Approval of Vouchers:** No Vouchers brought forward at this time.

**Sewer access applications** – 312 E. Main St; 132 Chestnut St; East Main Street (no assigned address, between 233 & 249)

**312 East Main St.** The owner of Deke's Furniture at 312 East Main St. and John Beedle his contractor, were present. This is a 21,000 square foot existing building. The property was dye tested, and it was determined they were never hooked up. Mr. Hoefflerle checked with AECOM regarding a capacity study. It shouldn't be an issue. The district rate is \$650.00 per unit, so cost would be \$1,274.00. Mr. Beedle will apply for a permit to tie in to the sewers.

A motion was made by Mr. Tamsin to approve the application for sewers at 312 East Main St., and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

The owner of 312 Realty and Deke's Furniture, would just like to discuss his being charged \$2,730.00 a year for twelve years. It was approved at the March 12, 2019 meeting to refund the owner the past 3 years of payment and can't go back any further. That's what the Commission voted on several years ago. The owner is requesting the other 9 years he paid be refunded. Atty. Berdon said our ordinance does not allow any rebates. You have 3 weeks after the bill is issued to take an appeal to Superior Court if there was an error, so you have no authority to refund payment. This Commission has a policy to refund back 3 years. It is the responsibility of the property owner to determine if they are hooked up to sewers when a bill is received.

There was further discussion regarding interest and liens on the sewer use non payments. The lien would be filed from the tax office, and then it goes to the Town Clerk's office Land records. The WPCA would be entitled to the additional revenue. It comes to \$25.00 per year.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to take no action tonight, the Commission will discuss this, and will notify the owner of their decision at the next meeting, seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

### **132 Chestnut St.**

Mr. Hoefflerle explains that the existing residence was hooked into sewers. The existing warehouse is proposing to hook into sewers.

Todd Anderson – Land Surveyor, and Mr. William Adinolfi, owner of this existing warehouse presents their application to access sewers. The warehouse building was built 10 or 11 years ago, and never hooked up to floor drains.

The owner is looking to sell, and wants the sewers in place.

This is a 3,000 foot building. There are three small units.

Looking for baths and floor drains.

There were discussions of flow changes when hooked up, and changes of zoning status.

This is zones as an IG1 Industrial/Commercial.

Mr. Gregory said they did a flow study out at the Chestnut Pump Station, the only recommendation is a generator there.

The assessor's office will come up with a formula per number of units for the sewer use fee. The owner will apply to the WPCA.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to approve the application as presented with subject to usage of buyer, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

### **East Main St.(no assigned address between 233 & 249)**

The Consulting Engineer will be late to present this application.

A motion was made to move this agenda item further down on the agenda by Mr. Tamsin, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

### **Discussion regarding Rose Hill/Pinski/Pent Rd sewers (tabled from 4/9/19)**

The potential developer is not present tonight.

Attorney Berdon spoke with them last week, and they are still moving forward on the project.

The East Shore Dept. has not completed updates  
A motion was made to table this item to the June meeting, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

### **Superintendents Report:**

Mr. Gregory presented his report of operations and sewer collections.  
We continue to have monthly safety meetings, and all employees went to Driver Safety training.

The Plant is still doing well with nitrogen removals.

The Road crew continues to perform regular maintenance on Pump Stations.

Regarding the Septic Receiving Building, Mr. Winik, came to the Plant to meet with Mr. Gregory, and Dennis Sesko from AECOM. They walked around the plant to see the best place to put it without disrupting wetlands. The plans should be ready in 6 months. Once blueprints are in we will go to bid. Looked at a few options but it will be less costly to put in a new building.

There was discussion on Mr. Gregory's current budget after transfers. He has roughly \$17,000 left in R & M, and \$27,000 left in New Equipment. He will be fine until the end of the fiscal year. A few changes were made to the 2019-2020, budget that Mr. Gregory presented. It was pointed out, that going forward the budget should not be cut, due to the money coming from the sewer use fees. The Town gives us \$600,000.00 a year per our ordinance and all other money to run the Water Pollution Dept. is from the Sewer Use Fees.

### **Engineers Report:**

Mr. Hoeffler reports that AECOM is putting together a request for proposal.  
We're working on a relining program instead of bid for footages piping 8", 10" one foot.  
There will be a fee for the proposals.

They are working on a bid package for partial replacement for Bradley Pump Station Force main. Original Bradley Pump Station is from 1962, the pumps were redone.  
Force Main is old and needs new piping before we have serious problems.

Mr. Imperato requests this be prioritized. Hemlock force main bid almost done.

Proposing setting up the Sewer Use Fee to \$130.00 next year, and then will look to increase the year after and beyond. Mr. Hoeffler will be setting up a public hearing for the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, and then the WPCA will adopt this sewer use fee. This will go on next month's Agenda.

A motion was made to accept the proposal of \$130.00 for 2019-2020 year, and set the public hearing by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

### **Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Berdon did one sewer access agreement for 1721 Northford Road. This was a connection approval which was approved a long time ago \$6,000.00 a unit.

The agreement had never been done and the connection had never been made. It had no time limit. John will look at it, get a description and we will finalize the approval.

There was further discussion if any agreements should expire after 6 months. This should be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Hoefflerle said the Planning & Zoning also has a time limit.

**Reopen – East Main St. (no assigned address between 233 & 249)**

A representative from Criscuolo Engineering is presenting a proposal for 12 residential units on East Main St. This is by Mill Plain Rd. They are proposing to tap into one manhole to extend the sewer.

Superintendent Dan Gregory wants to make it clear that this property is neighbors with a pump station which may have odors, and a generator which may be noisy.

This is a private development, and AECOM had no concerns for the capacity.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to accept the proposal as presented, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu at 8:18 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke  
Clerk