

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mark Winik called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call: Chairman Mark Winik, Chris DiAdamo, Justin Rossetti, David Steinhardt, and Kurt Uihlein

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Devlin, and Mrs. Joseph (Bimmie) Herget

Absent: Engineer John Hoefflerle, Attorney Peter Berdon, Yvette Larrieu and Mike Tamsin

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our long time WPCA Commissioner Joseph Herget.

Mrs. Bimmie Herget is here to give a tribute to her late husband Joe.

Mrs. Herget shared a little history about why Joe decided to be a WPCA Board Member.

Back when Hurricane Irene came through Branford, their young grandsons Finn and Spencer were curious about not being able to go into Long Island Sound, and were told due to water pollution, and questioned where the pollution came from. They came down to the Treatment Plant with their grandparents, and were given a tour by a former Superintendent and reassured that any pollution was not from the Treatment Plant, and the water from our pipes were clean when reaching Long Island Sound. The boys were fascinated with the entire process, and even made diagrams with boxes when they got home of what they saw.

Mr. Herget decided to become a board member after the tour of the Treatment Plant, and was appointed a Commissioner when an opening became available.

Mr. Herget was instrumental in initiating, and following up on a Septic Receiving system at the Treatment Plant, that would account for every drop of septic that vendors dump here. The current system allows the septic drivers to fill out a sheet with the gallons dumped. We have no way of determining if that count is correct. We charge them per gallon for the septic dumped. With Mr. Herget's input and determination that we would get this new system, it is now almost complete. By June we should be up and running, counting every single gallon that is dumped, and bringing in much more revenue for the WWTP.

Mr. Herget was looking forward to being at the grand opening of this Septic Receiving system with his grandsons. Unfortunately, due to health setbacks, and his passing, Mr. Herget will not be there for the dedication. When we are complete and ready to open this septic receiving system, we will invite Mrs. Herget, and her grandsons and family for a dedication.

The WPCA thanks Mr. Herget for all his hard work and dedication on the Board.
He will be missed.

Approval of Minutes – 1/10/23

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

Correspondence:

No Correspondence

Approval of Vouchers:

No Vouchers

Sewer Use Fee Adjustments

a. 282 Pine Orchard Road (2022 bill)

This property was on the EDU list of properties to be billed, but has been determined that the property was no longer connected to sewers, and demolished.

A motion was made to delete the sewer use fee for 2022 at 282 Pine Orchard Road, and waive any late fees, by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Uihlein. Motion carries unanimously.

b. 28-34 No. Main Street (Whip-it Tire: 2021 and 2022 bills)

This property was mistakenly placed on the EDU list for 2021, which also carried over to 2022. The property was not connected to sewers at the time of billing.

A motion was made to delete the sewer use fee from 2021 and 2022, and waive any late fees by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Uihlein. Motion carries unanimously.

Reports:

Superintendent

Mr. Devlin presented his report. The treatment plant is running well.

We processed 3.9 AVG MGD, septic waste processed 784,400 Gallons.

Septic receiving revenues \$51,382.30.

Plant operations: The #2 new bar rack screen is now online. We installed new V F D for the 3 main influent sewage pump. The grit piping for the grit screw and chamber #1 has been replaced. The SCADA for the #2 bar screen system has been installed. The water company inspected the back flow preventers at the plant.

Collection System: Cleaned and inspected pump stations weekly. Holding tanks cleaned out weekly. The water company checked out the back flow preventers at pump stations.

Pulled pumps at Damascus, Hemlock, and Johnson Point Pump Stations due to rage issues.

Installed new pump at Victor Hill Pump Station. Serviced the Peterbilt pump out truck.

Cameraed 8948 feet of sewer line. Jetted 7259 feet of sewer line.

Questions regarding the deep freeze we experienced on February 3rd and 4th and how the plant and stations did. Mr. Devlin said there were no burst pipes. Everything went o.k.

WPCA Attorney

No report due to Mr. Berdon's absence

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Herget and seconded by Mr. Winik

At 7:46 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Linke, Clerk