

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call: Chairman Mark Winik, Yvette Larrieu, Robert Imperato, Ryan Sullivan and David Steinhardt

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Devlin, Engineer John Hoefflerle, and Attorney Peter Berdon

Absent: Mike Tamsin, and Joseph Herget

Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2021

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

Approval of Vouchers

No vouchers brought forward at this time.

Sewer Access Applications:

680 East Main Street (office)

This will be a small office on East Main Street near Sycamore Way and Baldwin Drive.

There will be about 200 gallons a day. There should be no issues hooking up, with the condition of the sewer access agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to accept the sewer access application on 680 East Main Street, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

101 & 115 N. Branford Rd. (Brewery)

This will be a brewery near Thompson Road and the new veterinary facility.

Jim Pretti from Criscuolo Engineering discussed the brewery.

This will be a 6,400 square foot facility, with a small part for a tasting room, and 2/3 production/storage.

There was discussion of this possibly becoming larger than what is being presented with 80,000 gallons per year. If this would exceed the 80,000 gallons per year, they would have to come back to the WPCA.

Mr. Pretti said if they wish to expand, there are a number of steps to take with the Town.

It is recommended a capacity study is done by AECOM, based on flow proposed from the brewery.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to approve the brewery with maximum 80,000 gallons per year, subject to a capacity study from AECOM and reported to the Town Engineer, as well as coming back to the WPCA if tasting room capacity changes to production, and the applicant installs a flow meter at year 3 to verify flows, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

60 Maple Street (Mariner's Landing)

Mike Ott, Engineer, Robert Sachs, and Sal Marottoli are here to discuss the residential building proposed.

Mr. Hoefflerle explains 2 buildings were previously approved by the WPCA. They have since eliminated the 2 buildings, and will develop the property in a different way.

There was discussion on the flow capacity, and a capacity study to be performed.

This will increase additional 17,400 gallons per day, from previous application. Mr. Ott said the flow will now be 36,300 gallons per day.

Mr. Marottoli asked the WPCA if they would honor the connecting fee from the original proposal at \$650.00, per unit.

Mr. Hoefflerle said this is the residential rate in the district. If it was outside a district it would be \$6,000.00 per unit.

There will also be an EDU Commercial rate for 9,500 square feet.

A motion was made to approve the sewer access application for 60 Maple Street, with the condition it is subject to a capacity study review and application with the Town Engineer, and any other suggestions for needed improvements with the developer, keeping the prior agreement at \$650.00 per residential unit, for the additional units, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt.

Ms. Larrieu abstains. Motion carries.

Review and if appropriate approve FY22 Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget

Superintendent Brian Devlin said the budget is pretty flat. He will be adding a \$500.00 furniture account to the budget for next year.

Mr. Imperato asks if all the dollars to date on the capital side is in the budget.

Mr. Devlin has in 2021 the Gravity Belt Thickener project, plant generator, and building septic receiving building. The Engineer will get back to us next week on the septic receiving building, which is no longer a building, just an apparatus building. Instead of a one million dollar cost for this building, it will be more like \$300,000. To \$400,000. We don't need a building.

An Engineer visited our facility today, discussing rebates on the energy on blowers, as well as power incentives.

Further discussion on \$700,000 on partial projects are being allocated to capital equipment.

Mr. Devlin explains the process is 20 years old, and the extra money will move over to there.

From fiscal year 2019-2020, will be used for fiscal year 2021.

The five or six years not used will go towards the lineup projects with incentive with the power companies.

Mr. Hoefflerle and Mr. Devlin met a month or 2 ago, to go over capital accounts to see where the projects stand. Mr. Devlin understands the funds were bonded, and taxed for, he has made a lot of progress.

A motion was made by Ms. Larriau to approve the proposed wastewater budget for 2021-2022, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Devlin said the plant is doing well. The belt press thickener was rebuilt, and the recycle pump was rebuilt.

The Nitrogen count was OK.

The central pump has been taken out to be repaired.

Engineer's Report:

Brian is staying on top of the plant generator.

Brian is in a contract for the first lining project.

A spreadsheet was created with green, orange or red to show which areas are in most need of repair or rehab.

Hemlock forcemain is complete.

The Riverview holding tank properties are reaching their 1 year date to connect to sewers per orders.

Other property owners, that do not have holding tanks, are showing interest in connecting.

There is a failing system on Clark Ave, and they are interested in connecting.

Hemlock and Bradley improvements are close to completion.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Peter Berdon has nothing to report this month.

The board had some discussions on water studies, and elevated bacteria levels in the Sound.

Mr. Hoefflerle said a Yale study was wrapped up.

Further discussion on high bacteria levels to dog waste going into storm drains could be causes for the high bacteria levels.

Also discussed were problems with shellfish being down, and beds are not being leased.

Mr. Winik suggests someone from the Yale study be present to present data to the Commissioners. It's nice to have answers when they are approached regarding the bacteria levels.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan at 8:26 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk