

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
ZOOM MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

Due to Chairman Mark Winik's absence, a vote will be made to select a chairperson for the meeting.

Mr. Steinhardt makes a motion to chair the meeting, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

Acting Chairman David Steinhardt called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Acting Chairman David Steinhardt, Yvette Larrieu, Robert Imperato, and Ryan Sullivan

**Also Present:** Superintendent Brian Devlin, and Town Engineer John Hoefflerle

**Absent:** Chairman Mark Winik, Joseph Herget, Mike Tamsin, and Attorney Peter Berdon

**PUBLIC HEARING: Sewer Use Fee rate to be set at \$170 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)**

A motion was made to open the public hearing by Mr. Sullivan, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. The Public hearing is now open to the public.

No comments from the public.

A motion was made to close the public meeting by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan.

**Resolution to set sewer use fee:**

**Resolved: The Branford WPCA hereby sets the sewer use fee at \$170 per equivalent dwelling unit for fiscal year 2021-2022**

A motion was made by Ms. Larrieu to set the sewer use fee for fiscal year 2021-2022 at \$170.00 equivalent dwelling unit, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously

**Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2021**

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

**Presentation** by Coastal Vulnerability Ad Hoc Working Group

Mr. Paul Miniz and Mr. Peter Hentschel are going to present the WPCA with Coastal Vulnerability risks to the Town.

The WPCA can discuss this topic in future meetings.

**Review and if appropriate approve extension for Order to Connect for 86-88 Riverview Avenue.**

Mr. Louis Pane is present requesting an extension for 86-88 Riverview Avenue. His main problem is the contractor working there, with testing and blasting will cause problems with hooking up to sewers.

His neighbor was granted an extension during the last WPCA meeting, on May 11, 2021 until May, 2022.

A motion was made to extend the Order to Connect at 86-88 Riverview Ave. through May, 2022, by Mr. Imperato and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

**Sewer Use Fee Adjustment – 824 E. Main St. (Clockwork Antiques)**

The gentlemen from Clockwork Antiques is not here to speak about this item tonight.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to table this item, and invite the gentlemen to the next meeting, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion carries unanimously.

**Old Business: 211 Thimble Island (Thimbleberry) holding tank pumpout request**

Mr. Peter Kusterer is present once again, to request he be treated fairly and pay the \$130.00 a year to have his business holding tank pumped out weekly, as does Stony Creek Depot, and Stony Creek Fife and Drum. The pump outs to residents with holding tanks is done by the employees of WWTP. The high cost for the Town to pump these out weekly was discussed. There was discussion by the Board, about having pump outs being paid uniformly.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato that all commercial properties arrange their own pumpouts, and no longer have the Town pump them out, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu.

All in favor, Mr. Imperato, Ms. Larrieu, and Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Steinhardt “no”.

Motion carries.

**Correspondence:** No Correspondence

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

**Reports:**

**Superintendent: Brian Devlin**

Mr. Devlin states the plant is running well. The septic revenue for the month was \$65,390.25. The process is going well.

The gravity belt thickener is complete.

Had one issue with a pump station where the pump broke down. The pump has since been repaired.

Kovacs Construction has completed replacing a section of force main at Bradley Ave. pump station.

Mr. Imperato ask if the workers cameraing the lines have found any problems?

Mr. Devlin said due to a consent order we do 10 miles a year. He's working with John to reline sewer lines around town. The camera's notice hot spots and those areas get relined.

The 2021 capital budget can cover this.

**Town Engineer: John Hoefflerle**

Mr. Hoefflerle says there was a large bond issue last year for the lining project. They've finalized the first scope of work with the lining project. Once done we will reassess to see what the next section of pipe lining will be done.

The Bradley and Hemlock pump stations are wrapped up. Bradley just getting done.

As Brian mentioned they are working on contract for screen replacement. Bids came in for replacement. The numbers are good, and waiting for bonds on that project. Moving forward with that project at the Treatment Plant.

Mr. Steinhardt asks if Mr. Hoefflerle, as Town Engineer, will be sending the letter to Stony Creek Depot, and Fife and Drum. Mr. Hoefflerle said he will speak with Attorney Peter Berdon and the WPCA Chairman, and will set up a draft to come from the WPCA.

**WPCA Attorney: Peter Berdon**

Mr. Berdon is not present. No report.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Sullivan, and Seconded by Ms. Larrieu at 8:32 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk