

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH STREET, BRANFORD, CT  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

**Also Present:** Superintendent Brian Devlin, and Engineer John Hoefflerle.  
Attorney Peter Berdon was present via ZOOM

**Absent:** Yvette Larrieu, and Ryan Sullivan

**Approval of Minutes – 6/8/2021**

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

**Correspondence:** No Correspondence

**Approval of Vouchers:** No Vouchers

**Sewer access applications:**

- a. 25 South Montowese St.
- b. 54-60 North Main St.

**25 South Montowese St.**

Marcus from Godfrey Hoffman Hodge Engineering firm is here to request sewer access to a multi-family housing development on the Branford River near the South Montowese railroad bridge, at 25 South Montowese Steet.

There are currently 4 units, and they want to expand to 10 residential units.

They are currently on septic but want to connect to sewers.

There was discussion of the force main, and how many pumps to supply.

Mr. Hoefflerle states that this is subject to a capacity study due to capacity issues on Meadow St.

A first motion was made to approve a capacity study, by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

A second motion was made to take no action on this request, until the results of a capacity study and traditional design are provided, by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

### **54-60 North Main Street**

Mr. Jim Pretti from Criscuolo Engineering is presenting an application for sewer access for a new Car Wash across from Fire Headquarters.

The water use would be 11,000 gallons per day. This can be verified after checking flows in a year.

A motion was made for a conditional approval, subject to a capacity study, by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

### **To consider, and if appropriate, approve Holding Tank Pumpout Regulation amendments**

Attorney Berdon is present on Zoom, discussing the background of the holding tank pump outs. At the June 8, 2021 WPCA meeting, it was voted on to suspend pump out services to Commercial properties.

The Board is considering the regulation change, to approve the pumpout property list.

There was discussion on verifying holding tanks.

Also, discussed was possibly charging the holding tank fees by water consumption vs. the flat fee which we now charge. The cost to pump these holding tanks out costs the Town thousands of dollars a year with Town trucks, and Town manpower.

Mr. Kusterer, who is present, feels since he has a unique property, which had land taken away from his property, he is forced to have a holding tank, and he should be charged fairly, instead of weekly out of pocket.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to approve the revised holding tank pump out regulation with amendment to #2, fee schedule to be determined, and approve the 12 properties on the draft holding tank pumpout list revised 8/2021 and seconded by Mr. Tamsin. Motion carries unanimously.

### **Reports:**

#### **Superintendent Brian Devlin**

Mr. Devlin reports that the plant processed 1,078,100 gallons of waste in July.

Revenue brought in was \$70,892.60

Repaired gravity belt thickener.

Will be meeting to get the price to get the septic receiving unit going. This meter system will generate much more revenue than the current system of Septic companies putting down their own gallons dumped.

By punching a number in, the meter will calculate each drop of septic they deliver.

The screening unit is about to go in, as well as the main generator.

We lost a 20 foot section of piping at Route 139 pump station which disintegrated.

Two force mains there, we were able to use the small one.

Mr. Imperato requests that in the future, when Mr. Devlin goes before the Board of Selectman for a Bid Waiver, he report it to the Board and at the next meeting. There are sometimes situations when Mr. Devlin has to go over the \$12,500.00 threshold for something to be repaired or purchased. That's when he has to request a Bid Waiver.

**Engineer John Hoeffler**

Nothing to report this month.

**Attorney Peter Berdon**

Attorney Berdon said, the holding regulation was drafted for the Board to consider tonight.

Working on several sewer access agreements.

Also working on easement to Etzel Rd. which should be finished this month.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Tamsin At 8:25 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk