

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH STREET, BRANFORD, CT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mark Winik called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Roll Call: Chairman Mark Winik, Yvette Larrieu, Joseph Herget, David Steinhardt, and Robert Imperato (via phone)

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Devlin, Operations Manager Gino Carrano, Engineer John Hoefflerle

Absent: Mike Tamsin, Ryan Sullivan, and Attorney Peter Berdon

Approval of Minutes:

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

Correspondence: No Correspondence at this time.

Approval of Vouchers: No vouchers at this time.

Sewer Use Fee Adjustments:

Mr. Hoefflerle states the sewer use fee bills went out with a letter inserted explaining the way they are billed. Received quite a few calls from property owners who were incorrectly billed. Here is a list of sewer use adjustments.

5A – KJD LLC – 869 W. Main Street-Revise this year's bill and refund \$1,092.00.

A motion was made to approve this adjustment to 36.3 EDUs and refund, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu.

Motion carries unanimously.

5B – Nicole Gerosa – 23-25 Linden Ave. 2 Family demolished, single family erected and Revise this year's bill. A motion was made to approve this adjustment to 1.0 EDU and revise this year's bill by Ms. Larrieu, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

5C – CT Hospice-100 Double Beach Rd. – Inaccurate EDU calculations. Revise this year's bill and refund 3 years (\$5,460.00). A motion was made to approve and revise this year's bill to 56.7 EDUs and refund 3 years by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

5D – Kevin Odell – 264 Harbor St. In-law apartment removed Dec. 2020. Revise this year's bill.

A motion was made to revise this year's bill to 1.0 EDUs by Ms. Larrieu, and seconded by Mr. Herget.

Motion carries unanimously.

5E – Robert Raposo – 15 So. Montowese St. Inaccurate EDUs – billed as 3 family, only single family, the lot was split. Revise this year's bill to 1 EDUs, and refund 3 years (\$780.00)

A motion was made to revise this year's bill, and refund 3 years by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

5F – Branford C & D Real Est. Carbonella/Desorbo – 50 E Industrial Rd. – Inaccurate EDUs.

Change of use from office to warehouse. Revise this year's bill to \$4,556 (26.8 EDUs) and refund 3 years (\$7,917.00), a motion was made to revise this year's bill and refund 3 years by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

5G –Anderson Einar – 67 Cedar Street. In-Law apartment fire. Request to refund 2 year's bill (\$260.00).

A motion was made to, refund 2 years by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

5H – TIN CAN LLC – 99 No. Harbor St. – Inaccurate EDUs. This is mostly a warehouse. Revise this year's bill to 3.1, and refund 3 years (\$975.00).

A motion was made to revise this year's bill to 3.1 EDUs and refund 3 years (\$975.00) by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

Sewer Access Applications:

a. 25 So. Montowese Street

Marcus Puttock from Godfrey Hoffman Hodge engineering firm explains it has been determined by the Town's consultant, after the last meeting tabling this item, there is no capacity issue.

Discussion regarding lift station vs low pressure force main for each of the 10 units. A low pressure force main would be the best. Mr. Devlin suggests the property owners own this.

A motion was made to approve the sewer access application, subject to a sewer agreement by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

Reopen Sewer Use Fee Adjustments:

5G

A motion was made to reopen the sewer use fee adjustment for 5G by Ms. Larrieu, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

Gail, the daughter of Einar Anderson is present to discuss the adjustment of the sewer use fee at 67 Cedar Street. Due to fire in March 2019, the entire house was uninhabitable.

She is requesting a 3 year refund, and change the EDUs to 2.0 moving forward.

A motion was made to refund for 3 years at 2 EUs (\$520.00) by Mr. Steinhardt and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion regarding holding tank pumpout fees:

If the WPCA wishes to change the fees, a public hearing should be held.

It costs the Wastewater Treatment Plant a considerable amount of money each year with weekly pump outs and their employees pumping them out.

Further discussion suggested that in February or March, when the budget is set, we look at the fees. Mr. Devlin said his employees can take down the gallons they pump out per week.

A motion was made to approve the pump out fee of \$170.00 per EDUs by Ms. Larrieu, and seconded by Mr. Imperato.

Motion carries unanimously.

Reports:

Superintendent Brian Devlin

Mr. Devlin introduces Mr. Gino Carrano, his Operations Manager to the WPCA board.

In Septic Receiving, we took in \$76,656.48.

We processed 1,177,240 Gallons of waste.

The men are working on a UV project with parts that broke.

The UV system is 20 years old, and am in the process of looking for a replacement. There is money in Capital. The UV will run better, and this will result in less tanker trucks.

The septic receiving building is moving along, and by not adding an outside building, we can get this completed quicker. More revenue will come in once this is in place.

Once the septic receiving unit is in place, down the road we would like to increase the \$67.00 per 1,000 gallons that the septic companies currently pay to maybe a \$10.00 or \$15.00 increase. Other Towns are charging them \$90.00 to \$100.00 per 1,000 gallons. This will bring in further revenue, instead of having to raise the sewer use bills for the residents.

We had problems with the pumps at the Greenfield Pump Station. They are building houses in that area. The Pump Station pumps are 15 years. We would like to replace the pumps with non-clogging ABS pumps. Flyte is a good pump, but it takes too long to repair them.

When the Central Pump Station was down, we had to rent portable pumps.

The Plant being 20 years old has had some breakdowns. The employees have been able to repair these without doing a feasible study to rebuild the plant.

We did a Bradley Avenue sewer line repair.

Ms. Larrieu questioned Mr. Devlin on the high rains we had from the remnants of Hurricane Ida, and sewer in basements. Mr. Devlin said he received calls near Melrose and suggested to the residents that they get a check valve put in to prevent this in the future.

Our pump stations kept up with the storm.

Engineer John Hoefflerle

Mr. Hoefflerle has been working on the sewer use fees.

The Assessor is identifying Airbnb's, prospective short term rentals. The sewers may get more use than a single family. There is an opportunity to set fees on these properties in the future.

WPCA Attorney Peter Berdon – No Report due to Attorney Berdon's absence.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Imperato , and seconded by Ms. Larrieu at 7:56 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk