

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH STREET, BRANFORD, CT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Devlin, and Engineer John Hoeffler

Absent: Mike Tamsin, and Attorney Peter Berdon

Approval of Minutes – 9/14/21

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

Correspondence: No correspondence at this time.

Approval of Vouchers: No vouchers at this time.

Sew Use Fee Adjustments:

a. 16 Victor Hill Drive

Tree fell on this house at 16 Victor Hill Drive in August 2020 making it uninhabitable. Resident paid \$130.00 last year, and has paid the \$170.00 for this year. The house is still uninhabitable, and no C.O. has been issued. Requesting refund of the \$130.00, plus \$170.00. (\$300.00)

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to refund the \$130.00 for 2020, and the \$170.00 for 2021, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

b. 21 Yowago

This home was billed as a two family, but has been verified by the assessor, that it is a single family. Requesting a refund of \$360.00 for the last three years.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to refund the \$360.00, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

c. 74 (aka 76) Shore Drive

This house sustained a fire in April 2021. Requesting deleting this year's bill which has not been paid.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to delete this year's bill, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

Sewer Access Applications

a. 7 Venice Road (preliminary)

Mr. Mark Cerrito is here representing his property at 7 Venice Road

There is no sewer at this property, and would like to request an extension from E. Main St. to Venice Road. Looking for a preliminary approval. Spoke to East Shore Health regarding the best route. Mr. Hoefflerle said this will be up to the applicant to bring sewers to the property.

The resident has lived here 5 years, and wants a backup plan to his current septic system.

The resident will be responsible for the application fee and access fee.

A motion was made to approve preliminary access and approval requesting a drawing from resident's Engineer, and to come back to the WPCA to present your request for final

consideration by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

b. 5 & 13 Summit Place

We have had two previous applications converting these properties to residential apartments.

Phase 1 and 2. Those two previous applications necessitated a capacity study.

It was determined new impellers were to be installed at the Burban Dr. Pump Station at their expense. The impellers have now been installed.

Mr. Stephen Dietzko is here presenting the 3rd phase of the development, a three-story building with 48 apartment units. They plan to knock down the current buildings, and rebuild.

This will result in about 5,900 gallons per day.

A capacity study is required and they will come back for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to approve the sewer access application, subject to capacity study, and not exceeding 80% cap, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Motion carries unanimously.

Reports:

Superintendent Brian Devlin:

The plant ran well in September. Our revenue from Septic was \$63,046.34.

Hemlock Pump Station was filled with stone, after heavy rain washed it out, and needed repair in the corner.

We pumped out a line at the Transfer Station, which we do twice a year for them.

We are putting in a control panel at Rice Station. Once in, a portable generator can be brought there and plugged in to pump out.

Engineer John Hoefflerle:

The Coastal Vulnerability group, who met with the WPCA back in June, would like further discussion on the resiliency at the Treatment Plant.

Have reached out to AECOM to come up with preliminary design to construct a flood wall. AECOM is unique because they designed the Treatment Plant and know the history of the facility. The cost is a factor, with \$1,000,000.00 for design and permitting.

Construction could be around 4 million dollars.

Block Island Road is known to flood and is in a flood zone.

We could look into COVID response money or FEMA money. Jim Finch would have more information on the funding.

Mr. Imperato questions if we need to form a WPCA Group for the Coastal Vulnerability group? What is their thought process of what is needed, and possibly getting grant money?

They are just looking for feedback now.

They are looking at climate rises, and preserving the Treatment Plant.

We are relining pipes in Town to prevent any breaks in the pipes.

The center of town has clay pipes, which are known to disintegrate. We are methodically lining them.

WPCA Attorney Peter Berdon:

Attorney Berdon is not present. No Report.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Larrieu and seconded by Mr. Imperato at 8 P.M.

Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk