

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ZOOM MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
7 P.M.

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

Roll Call: Welcome new WPCA Member Kurt Uihlein

Chairman Mark Winik, Kurt Uihlein, Yvette Larrieu, David Steinhardt, and Ryan Sullivan

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

Absent: Joseph Herget, and Mike Tamsin

Approval of Minutes - November 9, 2021

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu. Mr. Uihlein abstains. Motion Carries.

Account Transfer –

FROM: Chemicals	21043030 566930	(\$35,000.00)
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TO: Purchase Services – Repair and Maintenance

	21043030 544300	\$35,000.00
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Mr. Devlin explained he needs to replace older pumps to maintain pumping capacity, and to replace them now before inflation brings the costs higher.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to approve the transfer, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business: Discussion regarding study of Treatment Plant; formation of subgroup to work with Coastal Vulnerability Ad Hoc Working Group to determine engineering scope and draft RFQ.

Paul Muniz and Peter Hentschel were present to discuss the formation of the subgroup of the Coastal Vulnerability Ad Hoc Working Group.

This group was appointed by the First Selectman to address the issue of rising sea levels, how it will affect the Town, and how they will affect the Treatment Plant as well as some low lying pump stations.

The likelihood of these rising sea levels reaching the Treatment Plant is high.

Looking to establish a Commission to discuss and address ways to prepare for this rise in sea levels. Studies report 20" rise by 2050.

In a previous presentation by this group, it was discussed what kind of Engineering can be done to prevent major damage to the Treatment Plant.

AECOM Engineering Firm established design of a dyke at about 1 million dollars. Also 2-1/2 to 4 million for construction. Grants would have to be obtained to cover this project.

The Coastal Vulnerability Ad Hoc Working Group would like to establish a monthly meeting on ZOOM with a subcommittee of three WPCA Commissioners as fact finding and to discuss what can be done to address and prevent rising sea levels from negatively affecting the Treatment Plant.

Discussing the formation of the subcommittee, Ms. Larrieu, Mr. Steinhardt, and Mr. Uihlein, agreed to be on the subcommittee.

It was determined that the first meeting, which will be a fact finding meeting, will be February 23, 2022, 7:00 P.M. with Mr. Hoefflerle setting them up on ZOOM. At each meeting they will set a date for their next meeting.

Reports:

Superintendent – Brian Devlin

The Plant is running well. Our Septic receiving revenues were \$60,304.77.

Delivery of Plant generator is 2-1/2-3 weeks.

Pine Orchard Pump Station generator is expected to be installed next week.

Road crew is jetting lines.

Pipes are being sleeved.

Mr. Winik asked Brian to make a short list of what pump stations are vulnerable to sea levels, and how can it be addressed.

Town Engineer – John Hoefflerle

Mr. Hoefflerle said he has a list of the pump station elevations to give Brian.

The WPCA meeting for November 8, will need to be rescheduled due to that being Election Day.

Lining of the pipes continues, working on reds and oranges.
They will be getting to the center of Town which has clay pipes.

He received a note from Bob Imperato, Tax Collector, looking into refunds to the sewer use fee. Currently the refund goes back 3 years. There is a tax law for sewer use fees.
Will arrange for Mr. Imperato to come to the next meeting to discuss these tax laws and those of other towns.

Ms. Larrieu questions the plant lab sample testing in regards to COVID.
Mr. Devlin said a doctor from the University of New Haven comes in each month to take a sample to test for this. He will contact her and get this information.

WPCA Attorney – Peter Berdon

Attorney Berdon is working on a couple of agreements which he will have Mr. Winik sign.
Also working on an agreement with Amazon for approval.

Mr. Hoefflerle said Amazon is not yet approved, working with Planning & Zoning.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu at 7:45 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk