

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES

Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

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

Also Present: Engineer Janice Plaziak, and Superintendent Dan Gregory

Absent: Mike Tamsin, and Atty. Peter Berdon

Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2018

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

Access Applications for action:

a. 250 North Main Street proposed commercial development

The proposal was presented in March. This is a new development with retail and restaurants proposed.

There was a concern if we had enough capacity at the Chestnut Street Pump Station, which is a small station on Rte. 1 and Chestnut St.

Our Engineer AECOM did a capacity study, at the expense of the applicant.

After this study, it was determined that the 8" gravity pipe is adequate for the additional flows, and there will be no downstream impacts to Bradley and Central pump stations.

The peak sewage flow from this development is 63 gpm.

It is suggested that an emergency power at this pump station be considered, in the case of a power failure. Mr. Gregory said he will put in an emergency generator at this Pump Station.

An assessment will be charged for this development.

There was further discussion if more restaurants come in, will we be able to accommodate this flow? The board has suggested we put a cap and a condition with the application.

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato, to approve the access application, with a caveat of 65 gpm peak, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion carries unanimously.

b. Buckley Road proposed residential development- ~~withdrawn~~

Correspondence: No Correspondence at this time.

Approval of Vouchers: No Vouchers brought forward at this time.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Gregory presented his report of operations and sewer collections. The Plant has been doing well. Our Nitrate removal is getting better. We got the UV Bulbs and sleeves, for upgrade to the UV System per Energy Audit. Victor Hill Generator is working fine, with Gas hook up. We had a second propane tank installed at Hosley Pump Station.

Had to have large tree removed at 139 Pump Station. Also had a tree leaning at Hemlock Pump Station, and over Victor Hill Pump Station, which would have hit the stations, removed. Still have 2 trees needing to be removed at Dominican Pump Station, but will wait for the new fiscal year in July to take care of these removals.

The new Generator is running at Milo, the two gas generators, that were approved by the Board of Selectmen, was installed by our Wastewater Electrician, and are running fine, and we saved money on purchase.

There are now 12 remaining stations that don't have generators, but we have portable generators to get to those stations, if needed, when an alarm notifies us of a power outage.

Mr. Imperato suggests Mr. Gregory use money in the sinking fund, (Generator Account) that is put in place every year, to get these generators moving forward, and to use any additional money to remove the trees. He would like to see a balance of this money at the next meeting in June.

Mr. Gregory also said he should have some additional money in his R & M account, if he closes some current Purchase Orders, and if he does run short in this account in the next month, will ask for a transfer from Utilities to R & M account.

Ms. Larrieu asked if during the power outages we had with the winter storms, did we have any generator problems. Mr. Gregory said we were fully prepared, and topped off fuel to the generators to handle the outages.

Engineer's Report: On behalf of the WPCA Board, Mr. Winik and Mr. Imperato wish to congratulate Ms. Plaziak, Mr. Gregory, and Atty. Peter Berdon on a job well done, in having the Consent Decree lifted from the Town. We were issued this consent decree on May 3, 2004, and it was terminated on May 1, 2018 in a Court order by the EPA and DEEP to the Town of Branford. At the time of the consent decree, (2004) we had to pay a fine of \$300,000., and get a \$10,000,000. bond to eliminate sewer overflows in Town. We performed studies, mapped GPS access into the systems in Town. We had to add two new pump stations, Cedar Street, and Maple Street Pump Stations with force mains. Had to add additional staffing at the Treatment Plant, get equipment, cameras, vac trucks, and meet certain deadlines. We had to submit quarterly reports, and submit the budget annually. We have been working for many years to lift this consent decree, but due to retirements at the EPA, DEEP, it wasn't addressed at that time.

Finally this latest group at the EPA and DEEP met with us, went over all our documents, after requesting some documents for a few inaccessible manholes, we were able to write the letter to release this consent decree, which was approved, and we are proud to say was lifted, which is very hard to have done.

Ms. Plaziak has been working on sewer extensions on the subdivision at Gould Lane. John, Asst. Engineer, inspected this. She is also wrapping up Riverview Ave. There will be a sewer use fee public hearing in June.

There was discussion on how we calculate assessments on properties, compared to sewer use. There is a formula. The WPCA Attorney gave us a draft of ordinance, but did not say how to charge people. The Board would like an answer to this. Mr. Winik said he will send a letter to Atty. Peter Berdon, to get this answer.

WPCA Attorney's Report: No report, due to Attorney's Absence.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu at 7:54 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk