

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Gregory, Engineer John Hoefflerle, and Attorney Peter Berdon.

Absent: Operation Manager, Brian Devlin, and Mike Tamsin

Approval of Minutes – 3/10/2020

A motion was made by Mr. Imperato to approve the minutes as presented, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Ms. Larrieu, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Winik abstained due to absence at this meeting. Motion carries.

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Sewer access applications – 1151 West Main Street

Mr. Hoefflerle showed the sewer access application for 1115 Main St.

This will be for an Aldi Store and a Bank, across from Starbucks.

The square footage is 22,566.

Present is Mr. John Schmitz, Civil Engineer, representing the applicant.

He said he has spoken to the Town Engineer previously discussing a capacity study that will be needed. He will speak with his client regarding this capacity study for the development.

A motion was made to allow the Town Engineer to engage a consultant, at the applicant's expense, for a capacity study by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Imperato.

Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business: - 211 Thimble Islands Road holding tank pumpout request; septage receiving

A motion was made to table this item, and we will revisit this when the petitioner can come back to a meeting, by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Imperato.

Motion Carries Unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Gregory presented his monthly report. In March we processed 3.6 million gallons per day. For a total of 112.2 million. We processed 907160 gallons of septic, and took in \$60,075.22. The

plant is doing fine, we had good BOD and ammonia removals, and we continue to have good nitrogen removal numbers.

We put in a new Purchase Order for 48 UV bulbs for the plant, at a cost of \$24,000.00. We had a new assessment done on a gravity belt from the BDP Co. Will get a cost on rebuilt soon. AECOM took a final look at the area for the new Mechanical Bar Rack for pretreatment building. Coronavirus precautions are, we have the Plant, administrative office, and vehicles sanitized twice a week. Social distancing guidelines put in place. Each employee is assigned their own vehicles to encourage separation. We ordered a porta potty out by the truck loading building with a sink to wash hands.

We have caution tape in front of the administrative building. The septic vendors can come into the foyer, and drop off their septic count sheets, but not enter the administrative building. Camille has cones around her desk, to keep people 6 feet away.

The stations are being sanitized by wiping controls and wiping down their trucks as well.

We have also ordered from PIKS Locks two new Panic Bars on the foyer doors, with a push button to get in. This will be reimbursed by FEMA.

Regarding the scale system, to charge septic vendors, was discussed with AECOM. The problem with this system is that this would have to be manned, and we don't have the manpower to constantly have someone manning the scale.

The Wastewater Budget was presented to the Board of Finance, by the First Selectman and the Finance Director, so far no further meetings have been held due to the pandemic.

Pump Station operation, the road crew is performing regular maintenance on pump stations, cleaning and inspected. Riverview low pressure force main is almost completed, last report they are installing property connections.

A new generator base has been poured and generator transfer switch mounted at the Frank St. Pump Station, and a new generator base was poured at Blocks Pump Station. New Gen should be installed next month.

There was discussion questioning any clogs due to people flushing other materials besides toilet paper down their toilets. Mr. Gregory said with all the rain we have had, it has been flushing the lines out. No problems yet.

There was a force main break at exit 55 at Rte. 139 caused by O & G Construction while they were grading the road. Fortunately no sewage went into any waterways, and the Health Department was notified and a bypass report was done.

Assistant Engineer Jennifer Aquino, and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove came to the site at well. This happened at 2:30 PM. Our crews worked until 10 PM to temporarily repair this.

The next day we got the correct parts, and repaired it correctly.

Mr. Gregory will make a list of equipment and cost of overtime, and plans to bill O & G Construction for this.

Tomorrow we are requested to pick up a thermometer in Town Hall, and start taking and documenting every employee's temperature when they arrive at work. If they have a

temperature from 99.5 they will be sent home. We have to document the temperatures daily, and send them to Human Resources.

Town Engineer's Report:

The Riverview forcemain is close to complete, once we do the manhole work and air test forcemain. When complete, we will send out letters to residents on Riverview who it is applicable to, and especially to the ones who are ordered to connect.

The Hemlock forcemain started a couple of weeks ago, but between the weather and the virus, it was a slow start, but they are progressing.

With the forcemain break at exit 55, we had the Assistant Town Engineer out there.

Discussion on when exit 55 project is done. They will do a lot of the work this summer, with lane shifts, and hopefully completed by next year.

Next Month we will have a public hearing on setting the sewer use fee as recommended. This will most likely be done on Zoom too.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Peter Berdon has nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Larrieu, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan at 7:30 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camile Linke, Clerk