

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES

Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2019

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

Roll Call: Chairman Mark Winik, Ryan Sullivan, David Steinhardt, Joseph Herget, and Mike Tamsin

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Gregory, Operations Manager Brian Devlin, Town Engineer John Hoefflerle, and Attorney Peter Berdon,

Absent: Yvette Larrieu, and Robert Imperato

Approval of Minutes – 3/12/2019

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

Correspondence: No Correspondence brought forward.

Mr. Gregory just wants to inform Board that per prior discussions, the DEEP wants to have WPCA's in the State handle the miscellaneous discharge permits, due to their staffing shortages. Mr. Gregory sat in on a phone conference, and most WPCA Superintendents do not want this to happen. This would involve car washes, gas stations, and other businesses that discharge. The number could reach into the thousands. There will be ongoing discussions with the State, and Mr. Gregory will update the WPCA Board on what transpires.

Approval of Vouchers:

One voucher was brought forward from Peter Berdon for \$475.00.

A motion was made to approve the voucher for \$475.00 by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion regarding Beacon Hill (Rose Hill Rd) sewers

There was no one present to discuss the Beacon Hill (Rose Hill Rd.) project.

Mr. Hoefflerle reached out to East Shore Health District for any updated records on the area. There are 2 new septic systems that were put in. He also reached out to Robert Sachs asking for an estimate cost for pump station, but has not heard back.

A motion was made to table this item until the next meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Wastewater Treatment Plant budget transfer

Mr. Gregory is requesting a budget transfer to his Purchase Services account of \$55,000. Account #21043030 544300.

He would like to move \$35,000, from his sludge disposal account 21043030 544352, and \$20,000, from his chemical account 21043030 566930.

The Purchase Services Account has gotten low, due to unforeseen purchases. I had to purchase Channel Monsters, where five were purchased due to the saving of \$14,000. By purchasing five, which were needed, it took a good amount out of that account.

I need the money in that account to get us through June 30th, if any unforeseen problems and purchases arise.

There was discussion regarding the money being taken out from these accounts, causing a shortage in these accounts, due to this transfer. Mr. Gregory said there will be plenty of money left in those accounts because the money was encumbered already.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to approve the budget transfer, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

Update on Septage Receiving Building

Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hoefflerle, and Dan LaBanca met with Dennis Sesko from AECOM the Engineering firm who designed the original Treatment Plant.

There are different options but it is recommended that a new building be built. Six months from now we should have a cost and it should be ready to go.

We have the 1.2 million dollars in the capital set aside for this project, but the cost will likely be 2 million dollars.

There was further discussion why a new building is needed. This project will pay for itself when the septic trucks that come in now will have exact amounts of septage recorded, and any lost revenue that we now see will be recouped. Due to wetlands issues, this has to be 10 feet away, plus some rock has to be removed. The current electrical is not adequate either. It will be a new Brick & Mortar building. This building has to be explosion proof, which the current building it not. It should take 6 to 8 months to build. There is further discussion regarding blasting rock and what will happen to the Treatment Plant and surrounding properties. Mr. Gregory said there are other ways to remove rock besides blasting, by chemical removal or splitting rocks.

We are also working with AECOM for RFP relining sewer lines in Branford that are needed.

Reports:

Superintendents Report:

Mr. Gregory presented his report of operations.

Nitrogen counts are still doing well. Brian Devlin is doing a great job keeping track of these numbers.

Our Fire Alarm is fully updated.

Normal maintenance performed. We had a bypass at Brushy Plain Rd. at Parish Farm Rd.

The plant is doing well.

Mr. Tamsin asks if jetting is still being documented. Mr. Gregory said his workers document this in a book that is readily accessible, if needed.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hoefflerle states he has a couple of public hearings for sewer use fee scheduled, which will be part of the regular meetings to set the fee. He will set it up for May or June.

Riverview Avenue force mains approved by ESHD for sanitary sewers in that area. There will be public hearing put together. The Short Beach Association wants to know when this will happen. Holding tanks will be required to hook up. It is not an option. There will be a \$6,000. Sewer access fee, and then they are responsible for the remainder of the tanks and hook up.

Mr. Tamsin suggests that this should be spelled out by the Health Department.

Riverview is looking for Fall Construction.

There was discussion regarding the Exit 55 project. AECOM designed the lowering of the force main, and will periodically inspect this.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan at 7:50 P.M.

Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Linke
Clerk