

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES

**Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mark Winik called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call: Chairman Mark Winik, Joseph Herget, Mike Tamsin, and David Steinhardt
Also Present: Engineer Janice Plaziak, Superintendent Dan Gregory and Attorney Peter Berdon
Absent: Robert Imperato, Ryan Sullivan and Yvette Larrieu

PUBLIC HEARING: Sewer Use Fee rate to be set at \$130 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)

A motion was made by Mr. Tamsin to open the Public Hearing, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

Resolution to set sewer use fee:

No Public present at this meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Tamsin to set the Sewer Use Fee rate at \$130.00 EDU, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

Resolved: The Branford WPCA hereby sets the sewer use fee at \$130 per equivalent dwelling unit for fiscal year 2017-2018

Chairman Mark Winik hereby sets the Sewer Use Fee for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 at \$130.00.

Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2017

Mr. Steinhardt, and Mr. Tamsin abstained due to the absence from the Feb. 14, 2017 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Herget, and seconded by Mr. Winik. Motion carries.

Budget Transfer:

From: Sludge Disposal	21043030-544352	(\$30,000)
From: Utility Account	21043030 544100	(\$30,000)
To: Repairs & Maintenance	21043030 544300	\$60,000

Mr. Gregory explained when he lost the main breaker at the Plant, it cost \$25,000.00 to repair it. Along with other emergency repairs, and projects, he needs the money into the Repair & Maintenance account to complete further projects.

A motion was made to transfer \$30,000. from Sludge Disposal Account

21043030 544352, and \$30,000. from the Utility Account 21043030 544100 for a total of \$60,000. into the Repair and Maintenance Account 21040303 544300 by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Tamsin. Motion carries unanimously.

Correspondence

No correspondence at this time.

Approval of Vouchers

No Vouchers were brought forward at this time.

Superintendents Report:

Mr. Gregory reports Plant Operations: The Plant had some difficulty reaching good nitrogen rem. This month we had an average flow of 4.5 MGD.

An above average rainfall caused increased influent nitrogen.

The Wastewater Budget was approved and voted on by the R & O Board Committee.

Tidal pump was rebuilt and put on line. The thickened WAS mixer was replaced with a spare. The old one is out for repair.

We are still waiting for price for the repair of Primary tank sweep arm.

Distribution box Sluice Gates have been delivered to the Plant. We are planning a bypass at the Plant for installation. May 16th is the tentative date for installation of valves.

The Operations Manager is calculating bypass flows and f/m ratios for optimal Plant performance through bypass.

The Pump Station Operations are as follows:

The Road Crews performed regular maintenance on Pump Stations, cleaned and inspected.

The 12 inch gravity sewer line failure on Alps Road, old asbestos pipe crown, gave out due to H₂s erosion. Burban outfall manhole replaced and 150 feet of pipe replaced. New 12 inch plastic was installed. Sewage bypass was reported and the line was fixed.

Quality Construction was called to fix line at a cost of approximately \$91,000.

Whitfield Sanitation and Sanitrol kept up with pumping the flow from the Burban Drive Pump Station, at a cost of \$22,000. The money for this emergency was taken out of the sewer reserve fund.

The road crew will TV inspect Alps Road line next month to see if further erosion is taking place, a list has been made to inspect manholes and gravity lines of the same type and vintage. The Road Crew provided support where needed.

Kovacs Construction is working on the South Montowese Pump Station. Still on approved bypass. This will end by the end of May.

The manhole accessibility list for the EPA consent decree has been updated and reported to the E.P.A.

The WPCF responded to 0 CBYD and at least 3 plant and 4 station alarms this month.

Overtime for April was 301.70 Hours, for an approx. dollar amount \$12,439.33.

Engineers Report:

Ms. Plaziak said that they have been handling the CBYD mark outs.

Working with Riverview Ave. at 130, working to get the first section of low pressure **force main installed as part of their project to remainder of the neighborhood. At least to** properties that are served by holding tanks, hoping to pick up where it leaves off.

Mr. Tamsin noted that he sees The Rose Hill, Beacon Hill Estates is back on.

Ms. Plaziak said it may or may not happen. Some contacted us, and are willing to work with us

Attorney Berdon has spoken to them, and they want to move faster. This is a 10 lot property. The original clients backed out. With the property being for sale, our original agreement, from several years ago, can be transferred.

There is a timing issue. We can utilize the developer's dollars by starting now.

Another way we can approach it since we are getting into issues in neighborhoods that need sewers, let them do what they decide to do. There is a benefit to the homes they will go by on the way to their road. Another option is to look at a pump station like at Riverview. It would be cost effective with a low pressure system. The rest of the residents would be able to have sewers, if the WPCA agreed to this for the health and safety of the neighborhood or community and were having problems with failed septic systems. If there were parts of the Town having problems, the Health Department could order sewers.

Attorney Berdon said act now because it is a health benefit, and we may get some benefit financially from it.

If we just sewer it with no agreement, we are limited to the value of the property.

Chairman Mark Winik is requesting the Town Engineer Janice Plaziak, and Attorney Peter Berdon explore the Beacon Hill Estates project at Rose Hill, and put it on the Agenda for the next meeting to discuss it further.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Tamsin to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Mr. Herget at 7:48 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk