

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES

Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT Special Meeting Monday, March 19, 2018

Acting Chair David Steinhardt called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call: Acting Chairman David Steinhardt, Joseph Herget, Mike Tamsin, Yvette Larreau, and Chair Mark Winik

Also Present: Engineer Janice Plaziak, and Superintendent Dan Gregory

Absent: Robert Imperato, Ryan Sullivan, and Atty. Peter Berdon

Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2018

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

Access Applications:

a. 250 North Main Street proposed commercial development

Ms. Plaziak explains this is a new development on an empty lot between Clancy Funeral Home, and United Tire. They are proposing 2 buildings be built. No tenants currently planned. They are designing specs for retail and restaurant use on the site.

The flow rate would be roughly 45,250 gallons per day. Sewers at site will have to be extended. There is a small sewer shed area to the Chestnut Pump Station at the corner of Chestnut and Rte. 1. This Station goes to the Bradley Pump Station. We are recommending a capacity study to look at the pump station gravity line to the Chestnut Pump Station. We have spoken to AECOM Engineers, who we use for projects. We will get a proposal from AECOM for the capacity study, and the cost will be passed along to the applicant.

A motion was made to perform a capacity study by Ms. Larrieu, and seconded by Mr. Tamsin. Motion carries unanimously.

b. Buckley Road Proposed residential development

After meeting with Planning and Zoning, the Engineers for the project have requested we table this agenda item at this time.

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Riverview Avenue Sewer design update

We are finalizing a proposed low pressure system we have previously spoken about, to extend sewer systems to the handful of homes that are not sewered on Riverview Avenue. We are hoping to have an estimate soon. As part of the budgeting process, it was requested to the Board of Finance to fund the project out of the sewer assessment fund.

The sewer assessments collected will pay back into the fund. A request for \$150,000 was made. We had a request, about a year ago from 130 Riverview who wanted sewers as long as he started the force main. It was completed this week, the infrastructure is complete and we can move forward. We will establish a district and require a public hearing and internal discussion. There are a total of about 10 houses not connected in this area. These sewers will alleviate Dan's Department having to pump out the three holding tanks in that area.

There was discussion if the residents have to connect. They don't have to connect, but it is up to the Health Department to show that a septic system is failing. Holding tanks will have to hook up. Dr. Freedman did not pay the \$6,000. access charge. He offered a Pump station and granted easement to the property. As this goes forward he would like the easement released and he will have to pay the \$6,000.

This will be a good thing to get sewers into this neighborhood. It will be up to the Health Department if they want to inspect when the sewers are issued.

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

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Gregory presented his report of operations and sewer collections.

The Nitrogen count did not do as well in February, due to all the rain. We are still within the range, so we are o.k. We still make money from our nitrogen counts. Other Towns and Cities don't do as well, and they have to pay.

Hemlock had another pipe break at the Corner of Greens Farm and Hemlock in the middle of the Road. Quality replaced 20 feet of 8" force main. This line was put in in 1971. During examination it was determined by a sledge hammer that it is cast iron. This is 3,000 feet force main. We will need to replace the entire pipe. Engineers are looking at this pump station to see if retrofit will fix check valve hammer on line. This is the highest in Town of Branford, 128 ft. of head, – 8 inch force main.

Dan has spoken to Dennis at AECOM for improvement. We have a soft start, but need VFD's which will keep the pumps going along. It will stop hammer sooner. Estimate done first then \$400,000 installation.

Harbor Street pump station force main is complete.

Town Engineer's Report: Nothing further to report at this time.

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

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Herget, and seconded by Ms. Larrieu at 7:40 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk

