

MINUTES OF MEETING

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

JANUARY 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Robert Sigler, Chairman  
Nick Mastrangelo  
Michael Richetelli

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Brinton, Town Engineer  
Art Williams, Treasurer  
Vin Marino, Attorney  
Scott Beaney, Veolia North America

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Chairman Sigler opened the meeting at 6:10 PM. With no quorum in attendance, the meeting waited for an additional Commissioner to arrive. However, at this time, a representative from the Dogburn Road development made a short presentation regarding adding the properties to the existing sewer district knowing that, without a quorum, no decisions could be made at this meeting and that a decision would need to be tabled to a future meeting. After the representative finished the presentation and left the meeting, a short discussion ensued. Attorney Marino then noted that the Commission needs to speak to West Haven for its approval before proceeding and that, once this has been done, a public hearing would need to be scheduled after which a vote to amend the sewer avoidance zone would occur. Discussion continued wherein it was agreed that the Mr. Brinton, Town Engineer, would write West Haven a letter and see what they come back with.

**Update on operations/maintenance:** Scott Beaney from Veolia was in attendance noting that there were no major issues to report. He noted that Veolia will be starting FOG updates in a few weeks. General discussion ensued regarding upgrading the pump stations communication systems to 5G. It was also reported that Five Guys experienced a sewer back up in early December. A general discussion ensued wherein it was agreed that we need to stay on top of the grease issue with restaurants in town. Mr. Beaney noted that Veolia requests pumping paper work/receipts from the establishments but rarely receives them.

**Carlson Road update:** A general discussion ensued regarding this private sewer line and agreed that the Commission should put the Carlson Road property owners on notice that it's not the WPCA responsibility to maintain this line and that they are responsible to do so. Discussion continued wherein Attorney Marino noted that the WPCA could assess the property owners a user fee. Another suggestion was to try to schedule a meeting with the property owners to explain the situation. Mr. Brinton then reviewed with the Commission a draft letter to be sent to the property owners. After discussion, Mr. Brinton noted he will amend the draft and send it out to the Carlson Road property owners and will see if he receives any feedback.

**Smith Farm Road development:** no update

**Force Main Pipe Failure:** A short general discussion ensued; this was tabled to a future meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Williams distributed copies of the updated budget for review and discussion and noted that our cash position continues to be in good shape; however he did note that a rate hike will need to be addressed. He also noted that West Haven has kept its rate the same for the last four (4) years and he has no inkling as to what they are going to do.

**Approve minutes of October 29, 2021 meeting:** At this time and with a quorum in attendance, approval of the minutes was addressed. With no discussion needed, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Richetelli, seconded by Commissioner Mastrangelo and unanimously approved.

With no further business to be addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard  
Recording Secretary

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cc: WPCA Members, Town Treasurer, Town Engineer, Sylvie Napoli