

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 2024

Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: Ed Meehan, Mark Riggio, and Sam Chorchos.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None.

REVIEW OF 23-24 USER FEES & UPDATED EXPENDITURES BUDGET STATUS

Budget reports, revenues and expenditures were included in the Board's packet. To date, \$83,086 has been collected; it is anticipated that the remaining amount of approximately \$34,000 will be collected with the April billing. The Fund Balance remains healthy. The Revenue accounts are now earning interest (approximately \$600 in interest has been realized). No new users have been added recently, however, several individuals have expressed an interest in hooking into the system.

The status of the Chesterfields property was discussed. Any written request for a fee waiver or adjustment will be considered/discussed by the WPCA, as required. To date, no written request has been received. The property owner has been made aware of the process for requesting a waiver.

REVIEW OF AGRU/GRU COMPLIANCE & SYSTEM MAINTENANCE CLEANING

Ed Meehan distributed additional photos, taken by Wind River, showing the conditions of the manhole 8 and 8a areas of the system, prior to the area being "jetted". As discussed at the 3/19/24 meeting, these areas service Simon's, the Villager and River Tavern.

Correspondence, developed by Dave Campbell, Jacobson, was forwarded to restaurant owners and was included in the Board's packet. It was determined that Simon's equipment was not operational. Their equipment has been repaired and cleaned and their reporting is currently up to date. The Health District will include inspections of grease trap equipment. They will forward their findings to the WPCA. WPCA reports are also shared with the Health District.

River Tavern remains non-compliant relative to reporting requirements. Materials found in the catch basin indicate the source of the grease in the system. Wind River's bill to clean the system totaled \$2,400. In the past, restaurant establishments have been fined for lack of grease trap maintenance/reporting.

As of the end of March, Villager and River Tavern have not filed their quarterly reports as required. If these reports are not received by the end of April, another letter will go to the establishments and the WPCA may consider fining them for non-compliance.

PROJECTS

Rte. 154 Manhole Recovery Paving - Jacobson is in the process of developing information on quotes. We need at least 2 quotes and would like to have a contractor in place and have the project completed before mid-summer. Three of the manholes (11 total in the project) to be replaced are in Deep River. The Interlocal Agreement states that these manholes are the responsibility of Chester.

At the time of the “emergency call out” last year, tops and rings for the project were purchased. Note that information will be forwarded to the DOT in anticipation of reimbursement for the project.

North Main Street Sewer Line Extension (ARPA) – As a result of the basement surveys, the engineers have determined that the existing sewer line from approximately 200 ft. from Water Street to the manhole does not have the necessary pitch. Jacobson recommends adding another manhole and new pipe system to meet the slope standard. The engineers will also need to accommodate separation distances between a sewer line and Water Company lines. The budgetary implications of this additional manhole are unknown. The project is funded via a Grant and ARPA funds.

This project is not yet ready to go out to bid. The bid documents are being fine-tuned and will require DOT review. Norma Terrace’s programming will be considered when scheduling this project.

The status of the Key Bank property was discussed. This property is not tied into the system, has no public water, and is in a flood zone. The owner took the property off the market.

The “Herbery” property was briefly discussed. This commercial property is on the market. This property does not have public water or sewer.

47 Middlesex Ave. Housing – No further information has been received related to the status of the lawsuit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sam Chorchese made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/19/24 meeting as presented. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Sam Chorchese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk