

Call to Order

The Chester Water Pollution Control Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Bert Armington, Ed Ward and Sam Chorches. Chairman Armington called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Chorches, second by Armington, to approve June 19, 2013 Public Hearing Minutes as written. Unanimously approved.

Both the June 28, 2013 Special Meeting and the December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Audience of Citizens – none.

Old Business

Temporary reduction of connection application fees for Main Street residents during construction

Chairman Armington noted there had been previous discussion about a temporary reduction of connection application fees for Main Street residents during construction as a means of facilitating sewer connections without having to tear up the road afterward. **Motion by Armington, second by Ward, to reduce connection fees by \$750.00 making the application fee \$1250.00 during such temporary period as the selectmen are involved in the Main Street reconstruction. Voting in favor – Armington, Ward, Chorches. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.**

Consideration of surcharge for Food Service Establishments to offset grease cleaning costs

Chairman Armington noted there has been previous discussion regarding consideration of a surcharge to offset grease cleaning costs. Authority members are convinced after review of the regulations that it is able to add a surcharge to a certain classification of users. The question is what is the most equitable method. Ed Ward noted the estimated cost is \$5000 a year and we have it done every 6 months in June and November, just before the hot and cold weather.

There was discussion regarding the amount of grease. Ed Ward asked if there had been any complaints from Deep River about the amount of grease at the pump station. Chairman Armington noted the reports indicate everything is in good shape. Jim Hogan reviews these things very diligently. There was a concern about fry-o-later grease and septic grease being picked up by the same people. It was finally determined the driver for CT Biofuels was mixing the two greases together which is against legal requirements. That individual has been terminated by CT Biofuels. River Tavern has requested a list of other purveyors for septic grease

cleaning. Chairman Armington supplied the list that is posted on the website. This situation is being monitored. River Tavern is currently taking the grease out in 5 gallon buckets and being hauled away. It was noted Olsen Sanitation is picking up the grease from Simon's. CABO was closed at the time of the report.

Chairman Armington suggested the Authority sit with all the food service restaurants once notification of the surcharge has been made. It was reiterated it is not fair to put that burden on the general population.

Ed Ward noted he would like to see some data on the purchase of oils and how much grease is being picked up. Chairman Armington noted he tried to get DEEP to come up with a standardized form. Sam Chorches noted the town should be able to get information from suppliers as to how much oil is purchased. Armington noted he will review the information from Jim Hogan and come up with some numbers. The WPCA has until September to make a decision on this matter.

Sam Chorches noted grease should be going down as there is one less establishment. The WPCA needs to monitor this situation. Ed Ward agreed noting this has been going on for some time and the cost for grease removal is going up.

New Business

There was a brief discussion regarding the Upstairs Kitchen and whether or not it is a restaurant. The Sanitarian was asked to look at this back in December but there has been no response. Sam Chorches noted they should also be considered as part of the grease issue. Chairman Armington noted that decision can't be made until the Sanitarian classifies them as a restaurant. It was agreed the WPCA needs to have a ruling on this matter and should ask the First Selectman to get a response from the Sanitarian. **Motion by Chorches, second by Armington, that WPCA contact First Selectman Meehan requesting an update on the status of the Upstairs Kitchen. Voting in favor – Chorches, Armington, Ward. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 18, 2014, Chester Town Hall, Conf. Rm C @ 7:00 PM

Adjournment

Motion by Chorches, second by Ward, to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Voting in favor – Chorches, Ward, Armington. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary