

Chester Water Pollution Control Authority
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Call to Order - Chairman Bert Armington

The Chester Water Pollution Control Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Bert Armington, Felise Cressman and Jim Pease. Chairman Armington called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes - December 16, 2014

Motion by Cressman, second by Pease, to approve December 16, 2014 Minutes as written. Unanimously Approved.

Audience of Citizens

Kyle Monroe was present. He wished to discuss the reopening of the Villager and various options. His concern was that the existing premises has no grease trap as it was removed. Mr. Monroe noted he installed the grease trap back in 2011 per the request of the WPCA. It was a Hyland Tank with a 15 gallon pump. Kyle noted there were problems with it the very first month installed. It had been verified that installation was done correctly, but Kyle only used 37 gallons of water per day as reported by the Connecticut Water Company. That was for the whole building including 2 flush toilets. In reality Kyle only uses probably 25 gallons of water. Kyle reviewed how the Hyland Tank works. His request was to go back to using a 35 gallon a minute steel box trap similar to what is in the Cupcakery. He indicated he was aware of the Town regulations and that all his paperwork in the past has been submitted properly. He further noted it isn't difficult to keep this unit clean.

Jim Pease noted Kyle was requesting to use an alternate form of oil/water separator as opposed to the one specified in 2011. He further noted the Authority should focus on the results of the effluent quality as opposed to the technique. Chairman Armington noted they were encouraged by DEEP to stick to the letter of the law at that time. He further noted the regulations do give the ability to make a substitution if its warranted. Jim noted the Authority must reserve the right that if the box system fails, it can make an adjustment. Chairman Armington noted there was never a problem before with the Villager and there is no problem now with the Cupcakery using a \$400 box. Felise Cressman agreed.

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Kyle noted there is a shared line going out. Brian Curtis was going to let him know if it would remain one connected unit. Chairman Armington noted the property owner, Carol Lewitt, should be encouraged to separate those 2 effluent lines both for peace of mind and the Authority's opportunity to monitor things better. Kyle noted he would discuss this with Carol and the State's representative when they meet in a few days.

Chairman Armington stated he didn't think a new application was necessary, just a modified permit with an inspection. The fee was waived as it was already paid in 2011 when he originally opened.

Motion by Armington, second by Cressman, that for the application at the location of the Villager, 13 Main Street, that a substitution of a manual grease interceptor be allowed for the standard automatic grease recovery unit based on the history of the business as documented with the caveat that should it not work out well, the Authority has the right to revisit the technology used. Unanimously Approved.

Old Business

Continuation of problem with flow meter and hence the Deep River billing process.

Chairman Armington noted there is a balance owed to Deep River of \$27,850. The actual balance needs to be figured out along with a solution. Because of the weather, no one was able to look at the flow meter. This should be addressed once the weather clears. Bert also noted a letter needs to be presented to the Deep River Water Pollution Control Authority requesting Chester be allowed to think about putting a meter in its pump station. It was further noted nothing has been paid to Deep River. At the last meeting it was suggested an average be taken between February 2012 and February 2014. Chester is currently overpaid to Deep River. A reconciliation needs to be done and a credit issued.

New Business

Increase of rate charged by Deep River.

Chairman Armington noted Deep River is increasing their rate

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effective March 1st to .009 cents per gallon. He also noted the Authority will probably have to raise the EDU rate this year.

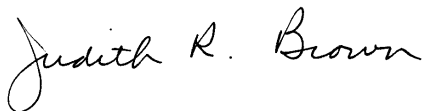
Request from D.O.T. for reimbursement for MH 7&8 work. Chairman Armington noted there is also a D.O.T. charge of \$3500 to the State of Connecticut for depreciation for two manholes (MH #7 & #8).

Armington noted both the rate increase and the \$3500 will have to be worked into the budget.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2015, Chester Town Hall, Conference Room C,
@ 7:00 PM.

Adjournment
Motion by Armington, second by Cressman, to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary