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Chester Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular meeting: February 21, 2017

Call to Order

The Chester Water Pollution Control Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Chester Town Hall, Conference Room C, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT. In attendance were Chairman Bert Armington, Felise Cressman, and Ed Ward. Chairman Armington called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Audience of Citizens – none.

Old business:

As there were only 2 members present who attended the October 18, 2016 meeting, approval of those minutes was tabled until our next regular meeting.

Review of Pattaconk 3/9/2016 incident progress: **Armington** reported that since the October meeting, Clayton Senger and Peter Kehayias have been contacted again by Sam Chorches and have agreed to pay the outstanding balance due the Town of Chester. A check for \$2396.19 has been received from Pattaconk 1850 Bar and Grille and deposited to the WPCA account.

New Business: WPCA has received an application from William Carlisle Schaeffer to open a business called **Little House Brewing Company** at 16-18 Main Street in Chester. There was little other information in the application, but we don't have an application to cover a microbrewery. **Armington** reports that he had checked with Donald Gonyea, an Environmental Analyst at the Water Permitting and Enforcement Division of DEEP regarding issues which might arise from a microbrewery. Armington gave Mr. Schaeffer's name and address to Mr. Gonyea so that they could have a discussion, and Gonyea pointed out to Mr. Schaeffer that "under state law, brewery wastewaters are considered process waters that require coverage under a permit from CTDEEP." The definition of breweries in the DEEP General Permit for Miscellaneous Discharge of Sewer Compatible Wastewater classifies a brewery as an industry.

According to our regulations, Article 3-3 Prohibited Wastewaters: "No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, waters or wastes: (3) Any process wastewater from industrial plants, other than the normal "Domestic Sewage" from the plant." Cressman suggested that we respond to Mr. Schaeffer in writing explaining our regulations and our reasons for rejecting his applications. Motion made by **Cressman** seconded by **Ward** and passed unanimously

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that we reject Mr. Schaeffer's application based on the fact that his brewery is considered an industrial activity and as such is prohibited by Article 3-3 of the regulations of Chester WPCA.

Armington reported that in 2012 we had received a letter from Chester Village West explaining that they have an agreement with the Town of Chester providing Insurance and a letter of credit for their Community Sewer System, when there is more than one residential unit connected to a sewer or septic system. CVW continues to update their information and has done so recently. It is also noted that this agreement is not recorded in the Town of Chester. **Armington** questions why this agreement isn't in force with Aaron Manor as well. A discussion ensued about the similarities between the two situations. A request by the membership for Chairman **Armington** to contact the Town Attorney to question the Aaron Manor situation was presented.

Motion by **Cressman**, seconded by **Ward** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Next meeting: March 21, 2017, Town Hall Conference Room C, 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bert Armington

Chairman, Chester WPCA