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Chester Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting, March 15, 2016

Call to Order

The Chester water Pollution Control Authority held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the Chester Town Hall, Conference Room C, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT. In attendance were Bert Armington, Chairman, Felise Cressman and Jim Pease. Chairman Armington called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Audience of Citizens – none.

Old business:

Cressman moved that the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting be approved. Motion **seconded by Pease** approved unanimously. Approval of the minutes from the April 21, 2015 meeting was tabled until such time as Ed Ward and Sam Chorches are both present.

Main Street bridge: Brian Curtis of Nathan Jacobson Associates contacted Chairman Armington last week to identify a problem with the sewer line in the Main Street construction area. It was necessary to either bury a sewer line connection within the bridge abutment or purchase a length of ductile iron pipe and move the joint to a different location. Armington agreed that that was the best course of action, and gave verbal approval to Jacobson Associates. As of Saturday, March 12, all sewer work on the Main Street bridge project was complete, and the line is back in service.

Armington reported that on Wednesday, March 9th, he received a call from John Ely of Deep River to report an overflow from the man holes behind the Pattaconk Restaurant. Mc Vac was called to jet the line, DEEP was notified of the spill, and the Deep River crew cleaned up, put down top soil and seeded the area. An invoice was received from Deep River for \$1220.19. This does not include the jetting of the sewer line. Photos prove that this stoppage was caused by Pattaconk. **Motion by Armington, seconded by Cressman,** to forward the invoices for this clean-up to the owner of the business. Discussion followed; Pease questioned whether we shouldn't bill the manager of the restaurant. Armington and Cressman mentioned that the manager has not acted responsibly in the past, and that a direct line of communication to the business owner might be more effective. The motion passed unanimously.

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New business:

Armington also explained that on the following day, Thursday March 10, he received notification from Deep River of a pump failure. Investigation by Deep River concluded that one of the pumps was functioning at minimum capacity. Upon removal, that pump would not rotate. The pump was replaced with the ABS unit we had purchased last year. The second pump has an equal number of hours of use. **Motion by Armington, seconded by Pease** to purchase another ABS Model XFP 81E-VX PE125/2 at approximately the same cost as the October purchase price of \$7,130.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Jake's Water Street Restaurant is now open. Armington stated that after prodding by Felise Cressman and others, Bob Whelan, owner, finally submitted his application to connect to WPCA. Armington had the premises inspected by David Campbell, and signed off on the Zoning approval sheet.

Armington reminded the WPCA that there is no longer an individual doing monthly inspections of the restaurant grease traps and paperwork. The presence of an inspector is important, and we need to keep our eyes open for an appropriate individual.

Motion by Cressman seconded by Pease and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:29 PM.