

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER CONNECTICUT
WPCA
Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Chester Meeting House

CALL TO ORDER

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

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Little House Brewing, LLC Wastewater Discharge and Testing Schedule

Ed Ward reported that he and David Campbell, Jacobson met with owners of Little House Brewing on 2/4/19 to inspect the operations relative to the WPCA and to review testing protocols. The inspection revealed that a drainage “pit” had holes in it and that a sump pump was in use. Further investigation on the main line connection uncovered a 55 gallon drum in the ground collecting run off (ground water) and pumping same into the sewer drain. The owners were unaware of these conditions and immediately unplugged the sump pump collecting the ground water. This sump pump has since been removed from the premises.

Their contractor recommends “filling in” the holes located in the drainage pit. The owners have been asked to provide schematics of the system for further review. The contractor’s proposed “fix” to the drainage pit will be reviewed by Ed Ward and Jacobson.

Jacobson will coordinate sampling, per the permit, with the owners of Little House. Said sampling will include oil and grease. Note that the ground water concerns must be addressed prior to testing/sampling.

WPCA members briefly discussed the possibility of allowing Little House to continue to pump ground water into the system and charging them accordingly. It was determined that using the sewer system to address groundwater was an inappropriate use of the system. Also, Little House has the option of requesting an easement from their neighbor to pump groundwater into the Pattaconk Brook.

Ed Ward and Jacobson will inspect the operations again. It was suggested that their (Little Houe) engineer certify that their system is in compliance with the permit issued to the establishment.

Overview of 2019-2020 Budget Process

The WPCA budget is due 7/1/19.

Comments relative to the budget included:

- The status and use of the WPCA fund balance was discussed.
 - Note that fees to Deep River were higher in the Fall due to the storm and the issue uncovered at Chesterfields. These items have been addressed appropriately.
- Use of Water Co. data to determine EDU or possibly having meters installed.
- The possibility of different fees for the commercial sector and the residential sector.
 - Costs associated with removal/cleaning out of grease from the system would be the responsibility of the commercial sector (restaurants).
 - A proposal from Jacobson relative to grease inspections has been requested – Ed Ward will follow-up with Jacobson.

Ed Ward may be unavailable to meet in early April. It was agreed that budget workshops will be scheduled and some items may be delegated to WPCA members in the Chairman's absence.

Information from Deep River, Jacobson and possibly DEEP will be obtained to assist in the budget discussions/process.

Ed Meehan reported that the recent Town Meeting changed WPCA "seats" from elected to appointed. This will take effect when current terms expire.

ADJOURNMENT

Sam Chorches made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk