

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING
Town of Chester, Connecticut
Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2021
Via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

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

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sam Chorches made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/15/20 meeting as presented. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Riggio made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/26/21 meeting as presented. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

4 Water Street Pump Station Lease

Ed Meehan reported that he has gone through the files and recommends that the building be inspected to establish an appropriate number of EDUs. Documentation indicates that an easement was approved in 1982 but the property did not “hook into” the system until 1987. To date, the building houses 2 restaurants, office and retail space and a hair salon. Ed Meehan will follow-up with the owner to arrange a meeting/inspection of the property.

Discussion of EDU Methodology and Draft Clarifying Language

The WPCA will develop a written methodology to determine EDUs. Once developed, the regulations may be amended.

Ed Meehan thanked Ed Ward for his assistance during the Chairman transition. Ed Meehan has met with representative from Deep River and they provided a comprehensive overview of the data, programs and software/app used in Deep River. Ed Meehan will forward information to WPCA members relative to the website data, monitoring app, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 FOG Compliance Log Summary Prepared by Jacobson & Associates

Dave Campbell’s (Jacobson) report was included in the WPCA packet.

Ed Meehan will follow up on the report with Dave Campbell as it appears that not all restaurants have been inspected relative to the In-ground Grease Trap Maintenance; possibly due to the Pandemic and decreased restaurant business. Ed Meehan will speak with Mr. Rapp, River Tavern and Ottos relative to overdue pump outs (note that “reminders” were sent to Mr. Rapp).

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30,2021 Budget Expenditure Review

A copy of the Adjustments to Budgeted Expenditures report was included in the WPCA packet. Ed Meehan reported that the WPCA is “on track” with the budget.

The FOG Enforcement line is over budgeted. Currently, Jacobson provides FOG enforcement but it is anticipated that the Health District will begin to provide this service. Due to the Pandemic the Health District has not been able to provide this service as was discussed last year.

Note that next year’s budget will include funds for Water Company data usage reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ed Meehan reported on potential new users to the system including a property located on N. Main Street. The property owner has filled out an application and does have a contractor hired for the project. Ed will follow-up on the P&Z status of the Colt House. There is also a property located in the downtown area that is currently being renovated and may be a new customer.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk