

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
Chester Town Hall
Community Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 7/20/21

Sam Chorches made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/20/21 WPCA meeting as presented. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ed Ward abstaining from the vote.

OLD BUSINESS

4 Water Street – A copy of the draft letter to Mr. Cook, relative to the 1982 4 Water Street Pump Station Agreement was included in the board’s packet and discussed. The letter requests that Mr. Cook meet with the WPCA to potentially re-visit user fee options included in the agreement. As previously reported, the Agreement exempts the 4 Water Street property from annual user fee charges. The letter, as discussed, will be forwarded to Mr. Cook.

DRAFT – Sewer User Fee Charges and Revised Sewer Service Area Map

The parameters for calculating EDU rates in the revised Sewer User Fee Charges document will be simplified and include an example of a typical calculation. When updated, the document will be published/distributed without the Revised Sewer Service Area Map. Note: that Jacobson Associates is still updating the map.

River Tavern Cease and Desist Compliance – DRAFT – Notice of Lien

A check from River Tavern, in the amount of \$2,400 for fines levied due to non-compliance with WPCA regulations, was received and is locked in the Selectman’s office. In addition, Mr. Rapp is requesting an appeal of said fines.

Ed Meehan provided a brief overview relative to the receipt of the check. While no formal lien proceeding had started against the property, the property manager and Chairman Meehan’s correspondence to Mr. Rapp convinced Mr. Rapp to submit a check.

No response to Mr. Rapp’s request for an appeal of the fines has been forwarded. The consensus of the Board was to hear the appeal after the September 8, 2021, Public Hearing. This will necessitate a Special Meeting notice and agenda, members agreed to hear the appeal and vote on the 2021-2022 budget at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2021-2022 Proposed Budget and Public Hearing Date – Sept. 8, 2021

A copy of the Proposed 2021/22 Budget was included in the Board packet and discussed at length. Note that Connecticut Water Company usage data is still not yet available.

Ed Ward made a motion to forward a FY 21/22 budget in the amount of \$134,300 to a Public Hearing on September 8, 2021. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appropriate legal notices relative to the Public Hearing will be posted.

July 2021 AGRU Compliance Reports

The July AGRU report shows all restaurants in compliance.

American Rescue Plan (ARPA)

A copy of a letter to the BOS, developed by Chairman Meehan, relative to possible uses of the ARPA funds was included in the Board's packet. The letter requests that the BOS consider WPCA infrastructure needs (sewer line and manhole replacement and upgrades to the pump station). Jacobson Associates has been tasked with providing information on potential additional capital projects for BOS consideration.

CT River Area Health District FOG Inspection Assistance

The Health District will begin FOG inspections, but the WPCA will still be responsible for enforcing same. Ed Meehan will set up a meeting with the Sanitarian to discuss the protocol for inspections and Dave Campbell will be asked to assist the Health District on the status of the restaurants and FOG regulations.

OTHER INFORMATION BUSINESS

Ed Ward made a motion to add to the agenda the discussion and possible action on the Simon's receivable owed to the WPCA in the amount of \$847.98 (for catch basin cleaning). Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Ward provided an update on the status of the balance owed by Simon's. Simon's did pay a portion of the amount due. The total charges were \$1,875.00.

Sam Chorches made a motion to release the balance owned by Simon's as forgiven in the amount of \$847.58 (due to a medical hardship at the time of the penalty) and delete the receivable from the Fund Balance. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Meehan reported that the Water Co. completed a water line project in the area of the Archambault property. The project could not proceed until the Main Street Project was complete.

ADJOURNMENT

Sam Chorches made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Suzanne Helchowski, Clerk