

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021  
Chester Town Hall  
Community Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. In attendance included Chairman Meehan, Sam Chorches (arrived at 7:16 p.m.), Ian McLachlan (arrived at 7:16 p.m.), and Mark Riggio, Ed Ward, Peter Lewis, Deep River WPCA and Tim Lee, Top Notch Electrical.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Ward made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/8/21, WPCA meeting and Public Hearing as presented. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – 4 Water Street Pump Station Operation

Pete Lewis and Tim Lee, Deep River, provided options for emergency power back-up at the pump station for WPCA consideration.

Options for consideration include:

- Replacement of the transfer switch that would facilitate the use of a back-up generator in the event that the main generator is disabled during a storm, weather event, etc. The cost of the replacement switch is estimated at \$13,000.00.
  - Said back-up generator could be borrowed from Deep River or the WPCA may wish to contract with a vendor to “guarantee” a back-up generator if the need arises. To facilitate an agreement for a back-up generator, the kilowatts necessary are required.
  - Note that it is not uncommon for pump stations to have a back-up generator.
- Pump out of the wet well in the event of a storm.

Ed Meehan reported that Eversource did respond to an issue with the circuit at Straits Road. Note that the tree canopy in that area needs to be addressed.

Pete Lewis and Tim Lee suggested that there may be the potential for grant opportunities to fund a portion of the switch and a back-up generator (generator could be shared with schools, public works, town hall, etc.)

ARPA – WPCA Capital Projects Preliminary Cost Estimates

Ed Meehan reported that he is waiting for estimates from Jacobson relative to the Colt House right of way and manhole repairs and a pump station sewer line replacement at the 4 Water St. location. These projects, as well as the switch/back-up generator project will be submitted to the BOS/BOF for consideration for the use of ARPA funds.

OLD BUSINESS

September 2021 AGRU Restaurants Report

Ed Meehan distributed a copy of the September report. All appropriate reports have been submitted to Dave Campbell as required.

CRAHD (Connecticut River Area Health District)

Greg Mattis, CRAHD, inspected River Tavern and the Pattaconk restaurants on 9/9.

Conditions at the Pattaconk were not acceptable (photos were available) and when Dave Campbell went to the establishment on 9/10, a contractor was on site addressing the deficiencies. A copy of Jacobson's report was available for WPCA review.

The conditions at River Tavern were acceptable.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ed Meehan reported that 91 Main Street and 81 Main Street have requested permission to tie-in to the system. A letter has been sent to the property owners requesting that they inform the WPCA when they are on the system and appropriate EDUs will be assessed at that time. In addition a bill for service will be sent when the properties are on the system.

Ian McLachlan made a motion to permit 91 Main Street and 81 Main Street to connect to the system. Ed Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft Explanation Sewer User Connection Charges

Ed Meehan would like to develop examples of what a single family home pays and what a mixed use property pays for sewer user connections.

Ed Meehan reported that the assessment bills have been sent to users.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski  
Clerk