

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Community Room
Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. In attendance included: Ed Meehan, Mark Riggio, Ian McLaughlin and Sam Chorches.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

MINUTES

Ian McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/15/22 meeting as presented. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) – Update of Projects and Approval Process Timeline

Ed reported that the ARPA Committee has reviewed and endorsed the “order of priority” of projects as recommended by the WPCA (repairs to emergency generator, pump station emergency transfer switch, Colt House, Water Street pump station and pipe re-lining and 2006 Service Area Map revisions and GIS format). The BOF has also endorsed the projects and it is anticipated that these requests for ARPA funds will be taken to Town Meeting on 4/7/22. The total amount of the request is \$98,460.00.

Ed will meet with Jacobson next week relative to permitting, plans and bids for the Colt House and Water Street pump station and pipe re-lining projects. It is anticipated that a “full” Inland Wetland permit will be required as opposed to an Administrative Permit. At this time, the Town does not have an Inland Wetland Official that could issue an Administrative Permit.

WPCA members were encouraged to attend the Town Meeting.

Repairs to Emergency Generator – Status – CIRMA Insurance Payment

The Town received a second check from CIRMA in the amount of \$7,730 for the repairs of the generator. The total deductible was \$1,000. Items covered by CIRMA include: rental of generator, repairs and testing. The portable generator was disconnected on 1/18/22. EB Exterminators has been contracted and inspects the station regularly to insure that mice do not damage the equipment again.

FEBRUARY RESTAURANT AGRU REPORTS AND COMPLIANCE

A copy of the AGRU/GRU Compliance Log, developed by Dave Campbell, Jacobson, was included in the Board’s packet. All restaurants are in compliance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FY 21-22 Budget Status

The insurance reimbursement check from CIRMA will be deposited into the Capital account.

Peter Evankow, Finance, is researching the appropriate format to track ARPA funds. He will review recommendations with the auditor. Note that some of the incurred costs associated with the repairs to the emergency generator may be eligible for ARPA. The next "tranche" of ARPA funds is expected and there may be additional WPCA projects eligible for same.

Ed reported that the budget remains "in good shape". If the flow rate remains the same, a surplus is anticipated at the end of the fiscal year. Any surplus will be deposited into the WPCA Fund Balance. O&M fees are "on track". Bills will be going out this month with the second installment due in April.

No additional users to the system are anticipated in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Sam Chorches made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk