

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Community Meeting Room
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

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

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS– None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ian McLachlan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/15/22 WPCA meeting. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ARPA PROJECTS (American Rescue Plan Act) – Town Meeting approval 4/7/22

Ed Meehan reported that ARPA funds in the amount of \$98,400 for WPCA projects was approved at the 4/7/22 Town Meeting.

Ed met with Brian Curtis, Jacobson & Associates relative to the required procurement process for the use of funds (projects under \$20,000 require 2 quotes and projects over \$20,000 must go through the RFP process).

43-47 Main Street – Colt House – the Colt House project (sewer line replacement) is the top priority for the WPCA. A \$19,948.00 bid from Schumack Construction was received in the Fall. Schumack has agreed to “hold” the quote. One additional bid on the project is necessary. Machnik Brothers is no longer available to bid on the project.

Schumack is currently working with the property owner on the renovations to the property. Schumack would like to schedule the work necessary behind the house, both the WPCA project and the homeowner’s project, simultaneously. Several options to access the rear of the property are being considered; i.e. via the “old” Town Hall easement, Water Street parking lot and/or via a portable bridge. The location of a stockade fence, propane tank and staircase may hinder accessing the property.

An additional component of the project is the rehabilitation of manhole #20. Equix will “hold” the \$8,420 bid received last October contingent upon investigation of the manhole. The project calls for rebuilding the manhole, cleaning it, relining it and sealing it.

Additional quotes will be solicited for the Colt House project.

It is anticipated that an Inland Wetland Permit will be necessary to facilitate the project. Brian Curtis will begin the IW application process.

Water Street Project – Infusion provided a \$35,000 quote in January 2022 for 330 feet of 8 inch pipe liner (note that the project can also only replace 150 ft. of the iron pipe if the bids come in too high) for the line at Water Street. Per town protocol this project will need to go out for RFP. Jacobson will develop the RFP. It was recommended that the RFP include two bids; one for 330 ft. and one for 150 ft. It is not anticipated that an Inland Wetland Permit will be required for this project as access to the pipe will be done via the manhole, no digging required.

MARCH RESTAURANT AGRU REPORT AND COMPLIANCE

All restaurants, with the exception of Simons are in compliance. Ed reported that the manager at Simons has left and the owner is aware that reports are due to the WPCA.

Pump outs at Grano, Wheatmarket and Ottos are complete.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ed provided an update on the St. Joseph’s property. The back half of the property located on Middlesex Ave. is being considered for Affordable Housing. Developers have approached the WPCA and Jacobson regarding a potential tie-in to the system.

FY21-22 Budget Status

A copy of the budget report was included in the packet. Ed reported:

- Generator repair costs were taken from Capital.
- Revenue included fines collected from River Tavern and CIRMA payment
- The Tax Collector sent out the 2nd bills at the end of March. Collections are going well and it is anticipated that the remaining \$27,000 to be collected will be received in April.

ADJOURMENT

Sam Chorches made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk