

TOWN OF CHESTER
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8,2022
CHESTETR MEETING HOUSE

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meehan called the special meeting to order at 7:30PM. Present were Ed Meehan, Sam Chorches, Ian McLachlan, and Mark Riggio.

AUDIENCE – None

MINUTES

Sam Chorches moved that the August 16,2022 minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Mark Riggio and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF 2022-2023 BUDGET AND USER FEE CHARGES

Members discussed the water consumption data provided by the Connecticut Water Company for the period from September 1,2021 to August 31,2022. Water consumption gallonage is used to calculate each customers' EDUs (1 EDU =157 gallons per day) and charges for residential and commercial mixed -uses. At the Authority's August 16th meeting a draft budget in the amount of \$135,320 was proposed for the new fiscal year October 1,2022 to September 30,2023. This is \$1,020 higher than the current budget, below a 1% increase.

During the past year two new customers connected to the sanitary system, one residential property and one commercial property for a total of 52 property connection in the village district. Total water consumption increased by 57,309 gallons to 813,731 gallons primarily due to higher water use by restaurants. Total residential EDUs increased by one to 43 and commercial mixed-use increased by 10 for a total of 99 EDUs.

Member expressed the desire to maintain the residential fee for one (1) EDU at \$750 and the fee for one (1) commercial mixed-use EDU at \$800. This will be the third budget year in a row without an increase in the two EDUs charges.

Ian McLachlan moved the 2022 -2023 budget be approved with EDU fee revenue of \$111,450 and use of \$23,870 from the fund balance for a total budget of \$135,320, and further the user fee for residential customers remain at \$750 per 1 EDU and \$800 per 1 EDU for commercial mixed-use customers. Seconded by Sam Chorches and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF 43-47 AND 51 MAIN STREET – SEWER PIPE REPLACEMENT

Ed Meehan reported the sewer pipe replacement work began on Tuesday August 23rd with crane operation from Gregg Cook's parking lot transporting equipment and materials to the backyard of 43-47 Main Street. This when very well and by mid-day Schumack Construction had install

erosion control fencing and began excavation of the damaged pipe. Upon uncovering and opening the pipe it was necessary to call for a pumper truck to suction debris waste that had settled and blocking the sump section, once this was completed the contractor was able to video the 65-foot easterly section connected into manhole 20, behind 51 Main Street, Village Bistro. The video and further uncovering of the pipe revealed that it was not installed in a straight connection between manhole 20 and 20A as shown on the 1982 “as built” plan. Further investigation and survey by N.L. Jacobson engineers confirmed the pipe’s miss alignment and minimum slope should be replaced with a new straight aligned 8” gravity system with a uniform slope of 1.15% between the two manholes.

Brain Curtis P.E. prepared a plan for the install of the new 8” sewer pipe. It will be a 109’, straight connection into manholes 20 and 20A. To avoid disruption to adjacent customers the existing pipe will be kept in use and then capped and abandon when the new pipe is connected. The new plan map and instruction for placement has been submitted to Schumack Construction for their revised cost proposal.

The consensus of members was it is necessary to move ahead with the new pipe replacement. Ed Meehan will contact members to report the revised project cost, both construction and engineering, for their concurrence to sign Schumack Construction’s revised cost proposal.

Ed Meehan will attend the September 12th Inland Wetlands Agency meeting to report the need to replace the entire sewer pipe behind 43-47 and 51 Main Street and request approval for revised Wetland permit.

ARPA PROJECTS AND BUDGET

Ian McLachlan noted WPCA should review the increased cost of the sewer pipe replacement and be prepared to request additional ARPA funds to complete all additional approved projects, repairs to manhole 20, 4 Water Street pipe lining, and emergency generator transfer switch equipment. Ed Meehan will inform the Board of Selectmen at its September 14th meeting that additional ARPA funds are necessary to complete the WPCA projects approved at Town Meeting in April.

ADJOURNMENT

Sam Chorches moved adjournment at 7:50PM, seconded by Mark Riggio and approved.

SUBMITTED

Ed Meehan, Chairman

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