

**Beacon Falls Water Pollution Control Authority
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT06403**



**BEACON FALLS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Monthly Meeting
December 18, 2018**

**MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order

Member Present: Jeff Smith, Rob Pruzinsky, Jim Weed, Brian Swan, Rich Komar, and Charlie Edwards (arrived at 7:41 P.M.)

Others Present: Jim Galligan, Dave Prickett, and Ryan Sura

Chairman Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

2. Comments from the Public

J. Smith indicated that there was a sewer problem at 14 & 16 Old Saw Mill. R. Pruzinsky indicated that on Friday, December 7th, there was an issue at 16 Old Saw Mill and at 14 Old Saw Mill. R. Pruzinsky noted that there was a sewer blockage and some damage was incurred. The homeowner, Ryan Sura, hired Roto-Rooter to clear the blockage. R. Sura indicated that Roto-Rooter snaked for 100' but couldn't reach the blockage then used a camera and found the blockage. R. Sura also indicated that the blockage was 140'-160' away and Roto-Rooter attempted to jet the blockage. R. Sura noted that the jet head got stuck in the line and the next course of action was to dig. R. Sura indicated that he did some shopping around and found a contractor to do the excavation. That contractor found a break in the line beyond the curb, connecting the lateral to the sewer line.

R. Pruzinsky noted that when the line was jetted, the water was coming out of the cracks in the road. After a brief discussion, R. Pruzinsky noted that there are two houses on one lateral and there isn't supposed to be. J. Smith noted that an air test after a water test should be done and the town should consider this. R. Pruzinsky noted that the repairs have been made and the road has been patched. R. Pruzinsky also noted that there were no clean-outs.

After a brief discussion, R. Pruzinsky indicated that the payment came out of the Sewer Line Maintenance in the budget and the town's insurance company will be handling the homeowner's damages that were incurred. J. Smith noted that a clean-out needs to occur less than 100'.

Motion to approve all the improvements made at 14 & 16 Old Saw Mill, as well as approving the existing lines in the design "as is": **Motion made by C. Edwards and seconded by J. Weed; no discussion; all ayes.**

J. Smith asked three times if there were any more comments from the public and there was none at this time.

3. New Applications

There were no applications received for tonight's meeting. J. Smith noted to add Railroad Avenue – Water Line added to New Applications.

4. Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing held and no discussion at tonight's meeting.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from October 2018 and November 2018 meetings as submitted: **Motion made by C. Edwards and seconded by R. Pruzinsky; no discussion; all ayes.**

6. Old Business

a. Mario Trepca, 113-115 South Main Street

J. Smith indicated that there was no activity at this location. J. Smith asked to keep this agenda item on for next month.

b. St. Michael's Church Kitchen

J. Smith asked to remove this agenda item since the kitchen is up and running.

c. Nitrogen & Phosphorous Removal

d. Pump Stations

There was no discussion on the pump stations at tonight's meeting.

e. Sewer User Fee Study

Dave Prickett was present at tonight's meeting. D. Prickett distributed a Summary of Proposed Sewer User Fee to the Members. D. Prickett noted that the Sewer User Fee system is to start in Fiscal Year 2020 – 07/01/2019.D. Prickett indicated that the numbers have been crunched and confirmed the EDU counts. D. Prickett indicated that the proposed residential customers would pay a flat fee of \$540 per year per EDU, equaling \$45 per month. The proposed commercial customer would pay \$540 per customer per year plus water usage in excess of 156 gpd per customer. The proposed water usage rate would be \$9.50 per 1,000 gallons. D. Prickett mentioned that the proposal includes a couple of things that weren't there before – one, for someone to do the billing and two, sewer repairs and upgrades.

After a brief discussion, D. Prickett noted that the next step would be to contact legal consult who would work with the town attorney. D. Prickett will give a name of someone he knows to J. Smith to contact. D. Prickett also noted that he will button up everything and go over the figures with the town's Finance Dept. to confirm that everything makes sense.

J. Smith asked to keep this agenda item on for next month. J. Smith requested to have By-Pass Pump added to the agenda under Old Business.

7. New Business

There was no New Business discussed at tonight's meeting.

8. Payment of Bills

J. Smith indicated that there was an invoice from Atty Byrne received for legal fees. Invoice #18-11-035 dated 11/01/18 was for \$1,575.00. The invoice was reviewed by the Members

There were two invoices from the Clerk submitted for tonight's meeting – one for the October 16, 2018 meeting in the amount of \$64.75 and one for the November 20, 2018 meeting (no quorum) in the amount of \$43.50.

Motion to approve and pay the invoices from the Clerk as submitted for tonight's meeting for a total amount of \$108.25: Motion made by C. Edwards and seconded by R. Komar; no discussion; all ayes.

9. Correspondence

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Reports for October 2018 Data and November 2018 data were received and reviewed by the Members.

A Christmas card for Nafis & Young was received.

10. Miscellaneous

There was no discussion under Miscellaneous at tonight's meeting.

11. Petitions from Commissioners

There were no petitions from the Commissioners addressed at tonight's meeting.

12. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, J. Smith asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:41P.M.: Motion made by C. Edwards and seconded by J. Weed; no discussion; all ayes.

The next regular monthly meeting for WPCA is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019, starting at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Water Pollution Control Authority