

LITCHFIELD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
29 Stoddard Road, Bantam, CT
July 13, 2017 ~ 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairman David Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: David Geiger, James Koser, Christian Bratina, Robert D'Andrea, Ted Donoghue, Plant Superintendent, Raz Alexe, Public Works Director and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary

Absent: David R. Wilson, William Buckley

SEATING ALTERNATES: David Geiger was seated as a regular member.

MINUTES

a) 3/9/17 Regular Meeting: C. Bratina moved to adopt the regular meeting minutes of 3/9/17, and J. Koser seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) 5/11/17 Regular Meeting: C. Bratina moved to adopt the regular meeting minutes of 3/9/17, and R. D'Andrea seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

c) 6/8/17 Regular Meeting: This will be postponed due to lack of quorum of members present to vote who attended the 6/8/17 meeting.

BUSINESS

1. Public Requests

a. 46 Milton Road: Jack Healy was present to explain that he wants to sell his property and his and the neighbor's sewers both empty into a well and then to the manhole. He wants to cut his line in the lawn and reconnect it to the manhole in the street. He asked if he would be charged a fee to reconnect. C. Bratina thought there should be no need to charge a connection fee if it had been done in the past. Raz said the road cut could not be done properly, and it would be hard to do the bore into the manhole on such a short stretch. Jack Healy said he would hire a contractor to do the work with a proper compaction. If this is done well, the repave should work well. They will see what CBYD will find, probably a storm drain line. There was interest in devising generic procedures for road cuts and backfilling. They agreed that a one-year warranty on the work should be in the criteria to insure the roads matches. **Motion:** C. Bratina moved to tie Mr. Healy's lateral directly into the manhole with proper procedures for road cuts, installation and inspection, with a one-year warranty. There will not be an additional fee if the original connection fee had been paid. R. D'Andrea seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b. Joe Morgan, 128 East St: Mr. Morgan said he wanted to put on a deck at his home, did a CBYD and found sewer pipes in a public easement. He asked what he can and cannot do. Raz said a title search with subsurface investigation is important when purchasing property. He said he had done a title search at the Town Clerk's office and found nothing on this easement. He asked if he could lay a flagstone patio, and he was told that he could, with the understanding that it may need to be pulled up someday to access the pipes. Raz suggested raising the proposed deck and cantilever it so excavation could take place underneath. Since they could not find an easement on file in the Town, he could grant the Town an easement to access the pipe with the understanding that the structure would be put back at his expense. R. D'Andrea read the appropriate regulation and gave Mr. Morgan a copy of the sewer use ordinance section. Ted said they could TV the pipe before work commences to determine the condition of the pipe. C. Bratina said they should develop an easement for him.

2. Fuss & O/Neil Flow Dilution Study Review: Ted said \$11,800 is left of the \$40,000. It is taking so long to get the F&O final report.

3. Greenskies Update: Raz said he, D. Wilson, and Atty. Mike Rybak had a conference call with Greenskies. Requests were made of Greenskies for clarifications and they will report back. Overall it was a positive interaction.

4. Arethusa Dairy: Ted said Sandy was distressed because the surcharge was so high (over \$30,000). Final water meter readings were taken and Ted is afraid we may be sliding backwards. Even with their pretreatment in place the BOD's are still in the 5,000 – 6,000 mg range. SVI's are around 270. C. Bratina told Ted he should issue a violation, addressing all the unfinished issues. R. D'Andrea added he must stay on top of this and document it. Raz said the SVI's are not the main thing to worry about, but C. Bratina said it causes problems. Ted said Arethusa doesn't seem to sample often enough. C. Bratina said the notice of violation should say we need a place to install a permanent sampler and insure the sample is representative and not just the top layer. They should also present a plan to address these issues and we would be happy to meet with them.

5. Love Heart's Bakery: Ted said he hand delivered a certified letter to the Bakery. The owner said they cleaned their big dipper but it was not cleaned correctly. Ted told her she had 10 days, and he followed up with the husband who said they would clean it out properly. C. Bratina said that if it is not cleaned out in 10 days, Ted should send another letter of violation, noting the penalty.

6. Litchfield Distillery: They are a high strength discharger, so Ted said he should draft a letter that they will begin to charge them a BOD surcharge, saying a violation fee can be charged "not exceeding \$1,000/day." Ted will draft a letter to the Distillery about the BOD surcharge. He also thought they should begin their own sampling program as well.

7. Safety: Ted reported no incidents and no accidents. Ted and Jim had Smith & Loveless pump training.

8. Commissioner's Requests: None

9. Public Works / Treatment Plant Report

a) **Easements:** No report

b) **Operational:** The average daily flow for June was 398,000 gallons. They removed 45,500 gallons of sludge. BOD removal was 99% and TSS was 99%. Nitrogen was 2.9 mg/L, or 9.8 lbs/day, exceptional. The daily average total phosphorus discharged was 1.6 mg/L, or 5.7 lbs/day. They began an audit of septage hauler loads which went smoothly. They had issues with the anoxic mixer that was just refurbished, and they sent it back to Hydrotec. On 6/12/17 they drained the grit chamber and found the auger broke off the wall mounting from rags and a snapping turtle that fell into the tank. New parts were ordered with a 6-8 week lag time. They rented a lift and did an oil change and greased the grit removal unit. Jim mowed all the rights of way and will probably have to do some again in September. The center secondary tank was drained, and they replaced numerous wear shoes on the flights. On 6/22/17 Ted attended CMOM training at the MDC in Hartford. Four new paving risers were installed to prepare for patch paving and chip sealing on Prospect Street. On 6/30/17 flow meters on Torrington Road and Hart Drive were zeroed with Ray Drew.

c) **Septic:** They processed 149,500 gallons of septage in June, a 6% increase over last June. Fiscal year to date they are at 9.3% decrease over last year, and missed the budget target by \$4,860.

d) **Equipment:** No report

e) **Energy:** No report

10. Financial Report: Ted presented the budget and said there is \$21,000 surplus now. Raz asked that spare manhole covers and frames be purchased. C. Bratina said capital non-recurring can be used for that.

11. Adjournment: Motion: R. D'Andrea moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. and J. Koser seconded. Mr. D'Andrea announced this would be his last meeting on the WPCA, as he needs to step down, as his new job does not allow him to be involved in any board that oversees town employees. He thanked the board and they thanked him for his good service. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary