



Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 20, 2020
MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Parisi-Chair; Present via Zoom-Jeremy Galeota, Paul Gilbert, Shawn Koehler

Others Present: Tim Webb-WPCA Admin, Lori Smith-Recording Secretary; Present via Zoom-Kurt Mailman and Matthew Jermine-Fuss & O'Neill, Ben Luginbuhl and Kent Zahner

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments - None

3. Approval of the Minutes of February 19, 2020

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2020 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

4. New Business:

1. Vernon Soccer Field and SnackBar/Restrooms

Tim Webb told the commission that Vernon has purchased some property in Ellington to develop some soccer fields. They are still in the planning process. He wanted to let the board know that they may be attending a future meeting to discuss how to handle the snack bar and pavilion with bathrooms to tie into sewer. Vernon's Town Engineer, Dave Smith, met with our planning department, the program has to go to PZC first. 60% of the project is in Vernon and 40% in Ellington off of Windermere Ave. There may be some wetlands impacts.

2. Refund 7 Nutmeg Drive Unit 7B

Tax Collector request to approve refund.

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REFUND OF \$80.00 FOR 7 NUTMEG DRIVE UNIT 7B AS REQUESTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR.

3. Fairview Ave. Unallocated Property

Tim Webb stated that this lot is in the sewer service area but was never allocated any sewer flow. The house will be built on this lot if he can tie into the sanitary sewer. WPCA first needs to approve an allocation and Tim Webb is recommending 3 bedrooms. In order for the owner, Mr. Luginbuhl to tie into the system, the sewer needs to be extended to Fairview Ave. This would have to be treated as a developer's agreement to extend to the end of the property. Ben Luginbuhl will need to work with the other neighbors to provide laterals for those properties. It will be a low pressure system. Kent Zahner, 26 Fairview Ave asked if he is obligated to tie in when it is extended. He was told that it would be a deferred assessment and if his system failed, he would have to tie in. Mr. Zahner stated that the cost to extend is about 25% more expensive than to repair it. Tim told him that would be up to the WPCA to allow a repair when sewers are available and it is generally not permitted. Mr. Luginbuhl can put his lateral wherever he needs it on his property but the sewer line has to extend to the end of his property, which is located across the street from Mr. Zahner's property, and he needs to make it available to extend in the future.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ALLOCATE SEWER CAPACITY FOR A 3 BEDROOM HOME TO FAIRVIEW AVE LOT 019-120-001.

4. 127 Pinney Street Septic tank replacement

This approval is to replace the tank only. If the field goes bad, they would be required to tie into the sewer. The Health Dept has determined that the leach field is good.

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ALLOW 127 PINNEY ST TO REPLACE THE SEPTIC TANK ONLY.

5. Old Business:

1. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates
Flow allocation modeling

Matthew Jermine of Fuss & O'Neill shared his computer screen showing the study he did for adding the flow allocations to the GIS system for each parcel and those future parcels to be added to the sewer service district. Tim Webb pointed out that he needs to adjust his calculation to 65 gpd per bedroom. He is showing the existing flow, proposed flow and total billings base on the current usage rates. The amount of infiltration is highest in the Longview area of town (Vernon Pump Station) where the pipes are the oldest. Most of the infiltration is due to weather related ground water and mostly in the larger lines. His calculations show that there is 290,000 GPD capacity remaining before any future parcels are added. Mr. Mailman stated that this gives a good idea of the magnitude of infiltration. Matt will contact Tim for parcels he has questions on and will send him his power point presentation.

6. Administrative:

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

Tim Webb stated that the crew has been servicing the grinder pumps with extra safety protections in place. Manholes were raised on Stein and High Ridge Rd. He received some questions regarding the increased sewer use fees but only a few did not agree and may protest to the WPCA.

ii. Other – None

iii. Fuss & O'Neill invoices

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICES ATTACHED TO PROGRESS REPORTS DATED 3/18/2020 AND 4/15/2020.

7. Misc. Communications – None

Adjournment

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary