



# Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2020

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Daniel Parisi-Chmn, Paul Gilbert, Shawn Koehler

**Members Absent:** J. Galeota

**Others Present:** Tim Webb-WPCA Admin., Felicia LaPlante-Asst. Finance Officer,  
Jeff Polhemus-Skips Wastewater, Richard Hartenstein-Stafford  
WPCA

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi opened the meeting at 7:07 PM.

### 2. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments - None

### 3. Approval of Minutes

December 11, 2019 Public Hearing Assessments

**MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER  
11, 2019 PUBLIC HEARING ON ASSESSMENTS.**

December 11, 2019 Public Hearing Users Fees

**MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER  
11, 2019 PUBLIC HEARING ON USERS FEES AS WRITTEN.**

December 11, 2019 Special Meeting

**MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER  
11, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

#### **4. New Business:**

##### **1. Woodbine Street, Septic vs. Sewer Connection**

Tim Webb explained that 2 Woodbine Street has a failed septic system and is located in the sewer service area. However, the closest sewer is 200 ft or more away and would be cost prohibitive to extend. Mr. Polhemus of Skips Wastewater stated that the system will be a complete replacement and that there is room on the property approved by North Center Health.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO KEEP 2 WOODBINE ST ON A SEPTIC SYSTEM AND ALLOW THEM TO REPLACE THE SYSTEM.**

##### **2. 57 Shenipsit Street, Septic vs. Sewer Connection**

This residence is also in the sewer service area and is in need of a complete new system. This property is further away from the sewer line than the Woodbine Rd property so the line cannot be run there. Jeff from Skips stated that they will require a new system in a different location as well as a pump. The soils have been tested and North Center Health has approved.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO KEEP 57 SHENIPSIT ST ON A SEPTIC SYSTEM AND ALLOW THEM TO REPLACE THE SYSTEM.**

##### **3. Approval of the 2020 Sewer Users Fees**

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET THE SEWER USER CHARGES PER THE ATTACHED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DATED DECEMBER 11, 2019. CHARGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020.**

##### **4. Approval of the Stein Road and Ellington Avenue Sewer Assessments**

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET THE SEWER BENEFIT ASSESSMENT CHARGES FOR STEIN RD AND ELLINGTON AVE AS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DATED DECEMBER 11, 2019.**

#### **5. Old Business:**

##### **1. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates**

Marshall Gaston was not in attendance but he sent an email stating that they are reviewing the proposal for meters, waiting for a response from DEEP for the SSA expansion on West Rd and working on the as builts for Stein and High Ridge Road sewers.

## **2. Budget Discussion, Finance Officer**

Felicia LaPlante, Asst. Finance Director, and Tim Webb worked to put all the expenses and anticipated budget figures for FY 2020-21 into a format the same as the Town's operating budget. The WPCA went line by line reviewing the figures. The account 465-40644 will be eliminated from the report. The line item Investment Earnings was discussed and stated that the WPCA revenue is put into short term investment fund. Tim Webb stated that the money not spent goes back into the infrastructure maintenance reserve. Some of the budget numbers were rounded. On the last page, it shows the amount to be reimbursed from the fund balance to make up the deficit. In the Hockanum system it includes the Airport project and the Vernon Treatment Plant Upgrade payments. It was agreed upon that the user fees need to be increased incrementally each year. The only other option would be for a large assessment for residents in the sewer service area which would not be what the WPCA members would want to do.

**MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2020-21 WITH THE CHANGES DISCUSSED TONIGHT.**

## **6. Administrative:**

### **Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports**

#### **i. Pump Station & Meter Updates**

Tim Webb reported that since it is winter, there is no grinder pump maintenance being done. Stein Road is complete, the paving on High Ridge will be done in the spring.

#### **ii. Other**

38 Florence Ave was discovered to have built a bedroom in the basement of the home without WPCA approval. The flow allocation for this residence is for 3 bedrooms. There is also a fourth bedroom on the main level of the home. Therefore, a letter was sent billing them the benefit assessment for two more bedrooms.

**iii. Fuss & O'Neill Billing**

No invoices submitted.

**7. Misc. Communications**

None

**Adjournment**

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:56 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
 ELLINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
 PROPOSED SEWER BENEFIT ASSESSMENT CHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 7-250, that the Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a Public Hearing on December 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut, for the purpose of hearing comments by listed property owners concerning the proposed sewer Benefit Assessment charges to be assessed. At the hearing the owner of each property against which charges are to be levied shall have the opportunity to be heard.

Present and subsequent owners should take notice that an assessment of benefits will be made as to each listed property as follows:

2 Stein Road	Ronald S. & Nancy A. Lemek	047-003-0000	\$8,500.00
4 Stein Road	Adam & Kristen Hinckley	047-004-0000	\$6,625.00
10 Stein Road	Douglas E. & Sharon L. Fox	047-005-0000	\$8,500.00
12 Stein Road	Judith A. Baker	047-006-0000	\$6,625.00
136 Ellington Ave.	Russell Tingley	047-040-0000	\$4,750.00
139 Ellington Ave.	Peter Korbusieski & Lisa Gottier	047-002-0000	\$6,625.00
147 Ellington Ave.	Christine McKechnie	047-020-0000	\$4,750.00
149 Ellington Ave.	Joseph M. & Sandra J. Koch	047-021-0000	\$4,750.00
151 Ellington Ave.	Jessica C. Tarrant & Robert J. Duperre	047-022-0000	\$4,750.00
153 Ellington Ave.	Edward S. & Paula G. Kramer	047-023-0000	\$6,625.00
155 Ellington Ave.	George & Gayle Clark	047-024-0000	\$8,500.00

Timothy M. Webb, Director of Public Works/WPCA Administrator  
 Water Pollution Control Authority

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
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PROPOSED SEWER USER CHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 7:255, that the Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a Public Hearing on December 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut, for the purpose of hearing comments by property owners concerning the proposed sewer user charges to be assessed upon owners permitted to connect to the sewer system. At the hearing, the owner of each property against which charges are to be levied, shall have the opportunity to be heard. All charges shall be in accordance with the Sewer Use Charge System.

Hockanum Sewer System

Proposed sewer use fee    \$310    Fixed (Min) \$120, Variable \$190

Crystal Lake Sewer System

Proposed sewer use fee    \$300    Seasonal sewer use fee    \$220

Said charges will be effective April 1, 2020.

Timothy M. Webb, Administrator  
Water Pollution Control Authority