



# Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING  
September 16, 2020

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Daniel Parisi-Chairman, Aaron Foster, Jeremy Galeota, Paul Gilbert, Shawn Koehler

**Others Present:** Tim Webb-WPCA Admin., Marshall Gaston-Fuss & O'Neill, Matthew Jermine-Fuss & O'Neill via Zoom

### 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 August 19, 2020

**MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2020 AS WRITTEN.**

### 4. New Business:

#### 1. Refund – 292 Sandy Beach Rd.

\$1,000 Refund due to being charged for two laterals when only one was found to exist.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REFUND OF \$1,000 FOR 292 SANDY BEACH RD.**

#### 2. Grant/Wappingwood Rd Sewer Repair

Mr. Webb stated that a sink hole developed at this location and when the camera was put through the line, the joint was found to be broken. He is

recommending that Gerber Construction do the repair at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. The Town's past experience with them on Stein Rd and High Ridge Rd has been very good.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF GERBER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE GRANT RD AT WAPPINGWOOD RD REPAIR AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000.**

**3. Fuss & O'Neill**  
**i. Contract**

Mr. Gilbert asked if the balance from the prior year will roll into this year and if the rates will stay the same. Mr. Gaston confirmed that it would be the case in both instances.

**MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE TASK AUTHORIZATION REQUEST NO. 8 FOR ON CALL WASTEWATER CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,990.**

**ii. Flow Allocation**

Matthew Jermine of Fuss & O'Neill reviewed his optimized presentation of Flow Allocation Report. He bumped up the measured flow due to the dry weather, corrected some boundaries and used 300 gal/day/parcel. The members of the Board found it to be a little confusing. After several questions, Mr. Jermine was asked to produce a written summary of this report, to separate the Crystal Lake from the Hockanum System and to produce a more simplified version for the public. Mr. Webb stated that the I&I proposal would warrant a public hearing. All agreed that something had to be done about the infiltration in the Hockanum system, especially the Longview area of town.

**iii. Sewer User Fee Survey**

The WPCA gave Fuss & O'Neill the go ahead to do the fee survey. They will have the information by the October meeting.

**iv. I&I proposal**

The I&I Proposal, Task #4 for \$46,410 was presented. Mr. Galeota stated that other than the older sections of town, the pipe should be mostly PVC. If the main pipes are good, the other should be looked

at for repair. The MDC has gone out to bid for this work and he suggested that Ellington look strongly at it. Mr. Gilbert would like to see the plan on how the study will be conducted. Mr. Gaston stated that it will begin with a meeting with Tim Webb and his crew to coordinate the time frames for the study to be done as well as notifying the residents. It was the consensus of the Board that this proposal could be signed off at the October meeting after the procedural clarifications are worked out.

**5. Old Business:**

**1. Vernon Soccer Fields**

Mr. Webb is proposing that the WPCA remove the two parcels #019-005-0004 and #019-005-0005 from the sewer service area. The project is not requiring the connection to the sewer and therefore the allocations can be used elsewhere. Marshall Gaston will prepare the letter for this request to DEEP.

**2. Fairview Ave sewer**

Mr. Webb told the members that the Developers Agreement has been signed and that Fuss & O'Neill has approved the plan. The two neighbors will not work with Mr. Luginbuhl and therefore will require caveats to be filed for their assessments.

**6. Administrative:**

**Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports**

**i. Pump Station & Meter Updates**

Mr. Webb stated that the O2 sensors for Vernon Pump Station were wired in. Almost 40 grinder pumps have been maintained to date. At the Ketchbrook Pump Station the backup power source was tripped and some waste water discharged onto the road. The station was up and running as soon as the source of the problem was found. He filed a Discharge Permit with the State and the road was cleaned up.

**ii. Other – None**

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

Mr. Gilbert thanked Mr. Gaston for adding the dates to the invoices. He asked about Matt's labor rate and was told the Matt is now a project manager and should receive that rate. Mr. Gilbert asked that the rates be looked at in the contract.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE 0225294 TO FUSS & O'NEILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$648 FOR SERVICES FROM 7/26/2020 THROUGH 8/22/2020.**

**7. Misc. Communications - None**

**Adjournment**

**MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary