



Water Pollution Control Authority

**SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

MINUTES

Members Present: Daniel Parisi, Leonard Descheneaux, Aaron Foster, Paul Gilbert, and Shawn Koehler (arr. 7:00 PM)

Others Present: Tim Webb-WPCA Administrator, Marshall Gaston-F&O, Seth Bahler-Oakridge Dairy, Rob Grasis-Vernon WPCA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Daniel Parisi called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum (non-agenda items)-None

3. Approval of the January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2022 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

4. Old Business

1. Deduct Meters, update

Tim Webb stated that in reference to the response received from Connecticut Water, the Town is not giving up. He attended a meeting with PURA and State Representative Foster and mentioned it to them. This will stay on the agenda as an ongoing item.

2. Calculation of Additional Flow Purchases

Mr. Webb found some documentation when cleaning out some files regarding the price of flow. When the Airport project was done a price of \$4.81/gallon was charged. He found documentation from 2007, 2009, 2004 and 2014 all charging \$4.81/gallon for flow. There is still no documentation on how the figure was determined. Paul Gilbert is also working on doing a calculation and more review and study is needed. Tim

will keep digging through the old town engineer documents to see if he can come up with documentation on how the figure was arrived at.

3. West Road Additional Flow, car wash

Nothing further on this item, will be taken off the agenda.

4. ARP Funding Update

Mr. Webb stated that the next meeting is March 3 and that the regulations for use of the funds have been relaxed. They will see if any more requests have been submitted. Mr. Gilbert asked when he thought the presentations would be done, and Mr. Webb said he really did not know but thought it could be April or May.

5. I&I Study

Mr. Webb and Mr. Gaston have spoken about moving this item forward. Tim spoke to the Town of Stafford regarding the costs for manhole rehabilitations and pipe lining. Stafford paid \$5,500 per manhole. There was discussion and it was decided that the number of manholes to be done would be counted, and Mr. Webb would follow up with the Town of Stafford on what exactly is done for that price.

5. New Business

1. Modern Milkman Proposal, Connection to Meadowbrook Pump Station

Last month Mr. Bahler came with a proposal to construct sewer from the Meadow Brook PS to an outbuilding on their property. Construction would mostly be on their property. Mr. Webb stated that the first steps would be to request that this parcel of land be added to the Sewer Service Area through DEEP. Mr. Gaston will prepare the letter to DEEP. The second step is to determine the cost per gallon for the flow allocated to this property. Mr. Bahler would like up to 10,000 gallons. The costs would be the cost of the flow allocation and then usage twice a year based on sq. foot units. Mr. Gilbert asked that the print show the brook crossing and manhole detail.

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DIRECT FUSS & O'NEILL TO REQUEST FROM DEEP TO INCLUDE PARCEL 090-017-0000 ONTO THE SEWER SERVICE AREA.

2. Crystal Lake Pump Station/Beach Area Improvements (discussion)

A memo from the Parks & Recreation Director was reviewed with the items he would like to include in the Sandy Beach improvements application for ARPA funds. There was some discussion and Mr. Webb agreed to put together a scope of work that needs to be done for the Crystal Lake Pump Station located in this same area.

6. Administrative

1. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates and Billing

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE 0238468 FOR TASK 9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330 TO FUSS & O'NEILL FOR WORK DONE FROM JANUARY 2-29, 2022.

Mr. Gilbert received revised reports of the Sewer Shed Flow Allocation Tool and Vernon Pump Station Preliminary Design Memorandum. He told the board that they were separated as requested, and that Fuss & O'Neill did a great job on this. Once they are approved, all members will receive copies.

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SEWER SHED FLOW ALLOCATION TOOL AND THE VERNON PUMP STATION PRELIMINARY DESIGN MEMORANDUM DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2022.

Mr. Gilbert then asked if the WPCA should move forward with the Design of the Vernon PS. It was decided that Tim Webb would send the design proposal to the members to review. Mr. Webb felt the WPCA should be cautious about starting something before knowing what amount the ARP Task Force will approve for funding if any.

2. Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports
 - i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

The Town switched over to a broadband phone system and had to repair the copper alarm phone lines. We now have a new after hours phone number with the answering service. There have been a few grinder pump problems and FOG Inspections have begun again.

7. Misc. Communications

Rob Grasis of Vernon WPCA told the board that they are pushing to change their secondary sludge equipment and to get it working. They have started their carbon reduction period.

Adjournment

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DESCHENEAX) AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:21 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary