



Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Parisi-Chairman (Zoom), Shawn Koehler, Aaron Foster

Members Absent: Paul Gilbert

Others Present: Tom Modzelewski- WPCA Admin, Phil Kidney-WPCA Crew Chief, Marshall Gaston-Fuss & O'Neill, Rick Hartenstein-Stafford WPCF, Rob Grasis-Director, Vernon WPCA, Tom Walker-Resident, Darby and Steven Pollansky -Pollansky Construction LLC, Tracey French-Ellington Raquet Club, Jim Maitland-Ellington Raquet Club, Wes Cosgriff-Ground Rule.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum (non-agenda items)

Darby and Steven Pollansky of Pollansky Construction LLC attended on behalf of the resident of 116 Stafford Rd. There have been issues with this resident's septic system pipe clogging. Due to this home being in the sanitary sewer district, they have come before the Board to ask if a repair can be made. Pollansky Construction LLC has stated that the leaching fields and tank appear to be in good condition, and they think changing the pipe out from cast iron to a larger 6" PVC pipe will eradicate the issue.

MOVED (KOHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) TO ALLOW POLLANSKY CONSTRUCTION LLC TO REPAIR THE INLET PIPE ONLY ON THE SEPTIC SYSTEM LOCATED AT 116 STAFFORD ROAD ANY FUTURE NEEDED REPAIRS WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS MAJOR AND REQUIRE THIS PROPERTY TO TIE INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

3. **Approval of the July 19, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED TO UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2023, REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN

Approval of the August 9, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

This item will remain on the agenda for next month's meeting.

4. **Old Business**

1. **Deduct Meters Update**

The concerns that were brought up in July's regular meeting we re-discussed. It has been found that there is no cost-effective way either for the Residents or the Town to implement this program.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISCONTINUE FURTHER DISCUSSION ON IMPLEMENTING A DEDUCT METER PROGRAM.

2. **I&I Study**

Tom Modzelewski (WPCA Admin) updated the Board that he reached out to Savy & Sons for pricing to perform the I&I work. Tom was asked to get some references on similar work Savy & Sons has performed. Marshall Gaston (F&O) confirmed that the pricing received is comparable to previous quotes. Rob Grasis (Vernon WPCA) has offered to share pricing with us from a vendor the Town of Vernon has used. This item will stay on the agenda for further discussion.

1. **New Business**

1. **Ellington Raquet, Lower Butcher Road**

Tracey French, Jim Maitland and Wes Cosgriff (Zoom) attended to present the Ellington Raquet project to the Board as they will need to tie into the sanitary sewer system. The proposed project will consist of a 44,880-sf new building and will house men's and women's rest and locker rooms, kitchen as well as other areas such as offices, storage, sitting areas and a fitness room. A formal request letter from Dutton Associates, Mark

Reynolds, design engineer for the project, was reviewed stating a request for an estimated daily water usage to be 700 gallons with a max of 1,400 gallons per day. Ellington Raquet to provide the WPCA with final design drawings for approval.

**MOVED (KOHLE) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE LETTER RECEIVED FOR
ELLINGTON RAQUET ALLOWING A MAXIMUM USE OF 1,400
GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY.**

6. Administrative

1. Fuss & O'Neill Project Updates

i. Vernon Pump Station

a) Task 3B Amendment 3

Marshall reviewed the details this task and informed the Board that low levels of PCB's were found.

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT TASK 3B AMMENDMENT 3 FOR A
TOTAL OF \$37,602.69**

b) Sluice Gate Update

Tom updated the Board that the invoice was received. Marshall asked if any shop drawings were received from Waterman for the Sluice Gate. None have been received. Tom to follow up with Waterman.

c) ARPA Discussion

Tom informed the Board that the ARPA committee is requesting a return on some of the funds allocated to the project as the bid came under the anticipated price. The Board has requested that all project costs to this point be totaled up before returning any money as only the construction total is being considered. There have been quite a bit of engineering costs associated with this project as well.

ii. Task 6B Sewer Service Area Expansion

Tom Presented a letter that was sent to the Town Planner in regard to the proposed expansion. He reviewed some of the comments the Town Planner shared. One being a parcel of land not currently proposed to be in the district that would be good to include in the expansion. This item will stay on the agenda to review a revised map of the expansion.

2. Fuss & O'Neill Billing

Marshall reviewed the work performed in the months of July and August

July:

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM JULY 2, 2023, THROUGH JULY 29, 2023, FOR TASK 2B FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,720.81

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM, JULY 2, 2023, THROUGH JULY 29, 2023, FOR TASK 3B FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,005.50

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM JULY 2, 2023, THROUGH JULY 29, 2023, FOR TASK 4B FOR A TOTAL OF \$323.75

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM JULY 2, 2023, THROUGH JULY 29, 2023, FOR TASK 11 FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,054.25

August:

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM JULY 30, 2023, THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2023, FOR TASK 2B FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,404.75

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM, JULY 30, 2023, THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2023, FOR TASK 3B FOR A TOTAL OF \$36,629.79

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM

JULY 30, 2023, THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2023, FOR TASK 3C FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,504.50

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM JULY 30, 2023, THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2023, FOR TASK 4B FOR A TOTAL OF \$40,072.20

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM, JULY 30, 2023, THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2023, FOR TASK 6B FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,070.50

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR WORK FROM JULY 30, 2023, THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2023, FOR TASK 11 FOR A TOTAL OF \$654.24

3. Other Administrative Topics

i. Board Vacancy

Tom (WPCA Admin) reached out to Resident Tom Walker to see if he is interested in applying for the vacant position. Tom Walker joined the meeting to sit in. A decision has not been made at this point.

ii. Private Property Inflow Removal Program

No discussion, this item will remain on the agenda.

iii. Letter to Residents regarding water softener discharge (fee)

In July's meeting, Tom presented a letter he had drafted to send to all Residents in the sewer district regarding discharging water softener systems into the sewer system. Aaron Foster asked Tom to look into the amount a Resident will be fined if found to be illegally discharging into the sanitary sewer system. Per town code §143-16. Notice of violations; penalties 143-16 B. the fine is not more than \$100.00 per day. This letter will be sent out with the October sewer billings.

iv. Budget

A brief discussion was had to inform the Board that Tom would like to keep the budget as an ongoing topic on the agenda, to provide the Board with updates.

v. Connection Fees

A brief discussion was had due to an old document found regarding residential vs. commercial connection fees. This will stay on the agenda for further discussion.

vi. Meadowbrook district expansion

Tom wanted clarification where this topic of discussion was left off on. There has been previous discussion of an expansion in this area but there is nothing definite as of now. This item will be removed from the agenda.

vii. Starbucks update

Phil Kidney (WPCA Crew Chief) stated a new manhole was set and 3 or 4 laterals have been installed and capped off.

viii. Chemical Grouting

Phil went out to re-inspect the chemical grouting that was recently performed by Green Mountain, now that the water table is high. There are clear indications that noted items that the engineers provided to Green Mountain have not been resolved. Phil presented a map of the locations with detailed notes on the issues he has seen. Dan Parisi has asked Marshal to draft a letter to Green Mountain requesting them to come back to rectify the work.

ix. Fuss & O'Neill Contract Update

Tom provided an update that the contract was approved at the last Board of Selectman meeting and has since been executed.

4. Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

Phil stated everything is running well.

ii. Other

Other updates were provided earlier in the meeting under chemical grouting.

7. Misc. Communications

i. 1 Penfield Ave-CT Water Credit

Tom informed the Board that a letter was received from CT Water regarding this address. CT Water issued a usage credit to this Resident and in return asked the WPCA to credit the sewer usage bill. Tom worked with Vernon to see if the credit would be extended to Ellington and with their agreement has asked the tax department to issue a credit on the next sewer use bill for this address.

ii. Vernon

- a) Sewer user rates – Tom presented the letter that was received from Vernon WPCA with the sewer user rate increase.
- b) Vernon sewer bill 3/1/2023 through 6/30/2023 – Tom reported to the Board that this bill has been submitted for payment.

Adjournment

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:05 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Carolyn Kidney, Administrative Assistant II, DPW