

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Meeting of March 27, 2024**

**Members Present:** Paul Anderson, Jim Richards and Steve Smith

**Others Present:** WPCA Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, Chief Operator Edward Alibozek and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

**Present Remotely:** Jay Ussery, JR Russo & Associates, WPCA Attorney Michael J. Lanza

The on-site meeting was restricted to commissioners and staff. The public may participate via the remote video conferencing platform Zoom.

**Time and Place**

Paul Anderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the WPCA Admin Building, 192 South Water St, East Windsor, CT

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**II. Added Agenda Items**

**Motion:** To add EW Housing Authority to item V, Visitors.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously.

**III. Acceptance of Minutes of February 28, 2024**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of February 28, 2024, as submitted.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously.

**IV. Communications**

**V. Visitors**

**EW Housing Authority**

Jay Ussery from JR Russo & Associates was present remotely for a discussion regarding the expansion of Park Hill. Mr. Ussery reported that he read the FCC Regulations and believes the Housing Authority is a quasi-Town agency and would be exempt from the facility connection charges. He is looking for clarification from the WPCA. Mr. Anderson reported that research would need to be done to determine if Park Hill is a town agency. Mr. Richards explained that the WPCA is a quasi-town entity and has to pay its own fees. Park Hill needs to be treated the same way. Mr. Richards feels this is similar to South Rd where the WPCA had to pay for what the State created. He is not in favor of it. Mr. Anderson stated that a legal definition of the status would be needed. Mr. Ussery will get the necessary information and get back to Mr. Enderle. He thanked the Board and left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Enderle explained that an expansion of this size would have an impact on the facility. Mr. Richards feels that an answer is needed from the State. The Town attorney will lean toward the Town. Mr. Anderson feels that a determination may have already been made. Mr. Richards would like a discussion of the regulations on the next agenda. Mr. Enderle explained that the FCC is designed to buy into the system. Mr. Enderle read Section 6, Exemptions from the FCC regulations. Mr. Richards feels that the reference to a municipal facility would be a town building not 100's of living units. Attorney Lanza said he would take a look at the regulations and this situation. Mr. Anderson pointed out that the bonding is long gone.

#### **VI. Public Participation**

No one was present.

#### **VII. Receipt of Applications**

There were no applications.

#### **VIII. Approval of Applications**

There were no applications to be approved.

#### **IX. Legal**

#### **X. Unfinished Business**

##### **IT Status**

Mr. Alibozek reported that not much has changed with the billing software. They had been having an issue with the GBT. A new unit was installed and switches were changed. Three out of ten pump stations are able to run on back up floats. They have seven more to switch over.

#### **XI. New Business**

##### **Acceptance of Sanitary Sewers Phase I and Phase II, West River Farms and Release of Escrow Account**

**Motion:** To formally accept the sanitary sewers and appurtenances for Phase I and Phase II of West River Farms. Phase I includes Sanitary Manhole #3 at Station 0+05.0 to Sanitary Manhole #6 at Station 6+82.9 Phase II includes Sanitary Manhole #7 at Station 10+50.7 to Sanitary Manhole #10 at Station 16+57.9 The Phase I and Phase II Sanitary sewers and appurtenances have been inspected and approved. The Superintendent of the WPCF, E. Arthur Enderle III recommends the WPCA formally accept the sewers as described above into the East Windsor WPCA sanitary sewer system and release the letters of credit for both the Warranty Bonds and Maintenance Bonds that were being held. There is \$2,500 remaining in the escrow account for West River Farms that is to be released back to Jeffrey Respler.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously.

##### **Bill Sheet Review**

Mr. Anderson explained we are 75% through the budget year and 68% if the money has been spent. Mr. Enderle explained that the sewer line maintenance line was over due to the issue on Rye St.

### Superintendent's Report

Mr. Enderle reported that there was an issue on Rye St at the house with the big barn on the corner of Old Ellington Rd. The homeowner has had a couple of sewer backups. He hired a plumber who videoed the line and found a blockage at 100'. Mr. Enderle asked for the sd card to watch the video. It was a terrible video. The sewer line of Rye St runs from Helena Dr through the intersection of Rye St and goes through the playground in front of the school. The homeowner thought this issue was the responsibility of the WPCA. Mr. Enderle had Joe the Plumber video the line; roots were cut at 5' and 103'. It cost about \$2,000 for the jetting and cutting by Joe the Plumber. Mr. Richards asked if the problem is in our system or the homeowners? What is the homeowner doing to rectify the problem? Mr. Enderle suggested that the homeowner have Joe the Plumber cut the roots every two years or dig down and replace the hub. Mr. Richards stated that if the homeowner doesn't fix it, it's his problem.

Mr. Enderle reported that there was a problem with the Gibbs drive. This was a predecessor to a VFD. They are not made anymore. REM was able to make a motor with a gear reducer. Mr. Alibozek explained that normally this would have been replaced 10 years ago but it has been kept going.

### Transfers

There were no transfers.

## **XII. Executive Session**

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session to include staff for discussion of MOU, vehicles, potential WPCA candidates and pension.

Smith/Richards

Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To come out of Executive Session.

Smith/Richards

Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To direct the Chairman to present an offer to the First Selectman for \$20,000 for their portion of the vac truck. The offer must be accepted by May 1, 2024.

Richards/Smith

Passed unanimously.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Smith/Richards

Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Michael  
Recording Secretary