

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

Minutes of the June 27, 2012 Prospect Hill Road Sewer Benefit Assessment Public Hearing

Members Present: Paul Anderson, Tom Davis, Jim Barton, Peter Pippin, Martha Paluch (Alternate) and Chuck Riggott (Alternate)

Members Absent: Dave Tyler

Others Present: WPCA Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, Chief Operator Edward Alibozek, Selectman Richard Pippin, Board of Finance Member Kathy Pippin and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

Time and Place

Paul Anderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Scout Hall Youth Center, 28 Abbe Rd, East Windsor, CT

Public Hearing Scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Anderson read the public hearing notice that was published in the Journal Inquirer. Mr. Anderson explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to take comments from the public.

Mr. Steven Czarnecki, 154 Prospect Hill Rd, explained that he wanted to make sure that the missing properties had been added. Mr. Anderson reported that they had been and the assessment amounts had been recalculated. Mr. Czarnecki said he was okay with the assessments as long as the adjustments had been made.

Mr. Nicholas Ruggiero, 156 Prospect Hill Rd, asked if any properties were eliminated due to the fact that they didn't receive a benefit. Mr. Anderson explained that all of the properties are listed and were figured into the assessment calculation but not all of the assessments would be collected. No one will pay more because a property is eliminated. Mr. Ruggiero said that answered his question. He was upset that the assessments had taken so long. Four years ago his house was worth more and he could have afforded to pay the assessment. He felt the property owners were not kept informed.

****Peter Pippin arrived at 6:53 p.m.***

Mr. Czarnecki explained that he has spoken to contractors and if the project was done today, it would not have been so expensive. Mr. Anderson explained that the cost was not unreasonable. Mr. Czarnecki questioned why they were collecting the assessments. Mr. Anderson explained that this was a Town funded project and they need to collect a portion of the cost. The State Statutes govern the benefit assessments. They have applied this to every project the Town has funded. The assessments can be paid over 10 years with no interest if the payment is made on time. Mr. Czarnecki felt he has already paid for this project by paying Town taxes. Mr. Anderson explained that every tax payer has paid; some have to pay an assessment because they benefitted more. Mr. Czarnecki said he doesn't have a problem paying if all has been done right. Mr. Ruggiero felt there was a lot of confusion, he could afford the assessment eight years ago but circumstances have changed. Mr. Barton replied that in the future the assessments will be done quicker.

Motion: To adjourn at 6:58 p.m.
Barton/Riggott

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael
Recording Secretary