TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting of April 27, 2022

Members Present: Paul Anderson, Jim Richards and Steve Smith

Others Present: WPCA Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, Chief Operator Edward Albozeka, WPCA Attorney Michael Lanza, Michael McConnell and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

Remote Visitors: Craig Piers

The on-site meeting was restricted to vaccinated 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 7:01 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

III. Acceptance of Minutes of March 30, 2022

Motion: To accept the minutes of March 30, 2022, as submitted.
Smith/Richards
Passed unanimously

IV. Communications
Communications will be presented at the May meeting.

V. Visitors
Michael McConnell, 2 Pamela Court, was present to discuss his sewer use account that is in collection with Attorney Lanza. Mr. McConnell reported that he went to speak with Attorney Lanza after receiving a collection letter. He explained that the bill got out of hand. He is disabled, got behind and couldn't catch up. He had fallen behind before and was able to get help from his father. Unfortunately, his father isn't here to help him out, he has passed away. Mr. McConnell expects to receive an inheritance at some point and will be able to pay his bills. Attorney Lanza suggested that Mr. McConnell talk with the board. Mr. Anderson explained that the WPCA allows for payment plans. By State Statute interest can't be forgiven and there is no relief program. Potentially, a payment plan could be worked out but it would have to be within policies and Mr. McConnell's obligations would have to be met. He has received the service and he will have to pay for it. Mr. Enderle explained that the WPCA allows for the same time payment plan as the Tax Collector. The rate payer would need to pay off the amount due within one year. Mr. Richards asked Mr. McConnell if he has gone to the town social services. Mr. McConnell replied that he had; they can't help with this bill because it would be the town paying the town. Mr. Anderson explained that he could get assistance for other things and then would be able to pay his sewer bill. Mr. Richards suggested social services could help pay for groceries; ask them what they can help with. It was explained that the WPCA can't ignore the State Statutes, the fee and the interest can't be waived. Mr. Richards stated that social services can't pay the bill and the WPCA can't change the bill. Mr. McConnell thanked the board for listening and left the meeting at this time.

VI. Public Participation
Craig Piers, 18 Eileen Dr was present remotely. Mr. Enderle explained that Mr. Piers is the Vice President of the Stoughton Ridge condo board. Mr. Piers explained that he has lived at Stoughton Ridge since July of 2017
and is VP of the condo association. At their last association meeting, they discussed the sewers. A WPCA truck had come out to Kevin Dr, took pictures and sucked something out of the manhole. He explained that he spoke with Mr. Enderle about having the WPCA clean out the sewers. Mr. Enderle had explained that their sewers are private and may not be built to standard. Mr. Piers explained that he had worked for the Hartford Water Bureau and he knows when sewer and water lines are put in that everything has to be up to code to get a CO. Why can't the WPCA come in and suck out the manholes. The condo residents pay sewer use fees and town taxes. They aren't getting any bang for their buck. Why can't the WPCA get a truck in to clean out the main manholes to get the lines cleaned. Mr. Enderle explained that there are a number of areas that are trouble spots for rags. A couple of weeks ago he received a call from one of the operators that the manhole in front of Stoughton Ridge was backed up. He was concerned it was going to back up into a condo. Mr. Enderle told the operator to try to clean it out even though it is private. The operator used a picker and grabbed rags out. Mr. Enderle call Frank Noto. He sent Mr. Noto the pictures and suggested getting someone in to clean out the manholes. Mr. Enderle had the operators go onto private property because he didn't want anyone to suffer damage. Mr. Anderson explained that you can't compare this to MDC rules. There are condo documents that state there is an association. You pay condo fees to cover these costs. It was explained that the condos are connected to the sewer system but they are not part of the sewer system. In this case, the operators we saw something close to the road and helped out. Mr. Richards stated that he is retired from real estate and understands condos. State law defines the rules for condos. Mr. Piers doesn't understand why things can't change. There association is trying to be proactive. Mr. Anderson stated there are legal rules that can't be changed at our level. Mr. Richards asked if Mr. Enderle could make a recommendation on someone to clean the manholes. Mr. Enderle will send Mr. Piers an email. Mr. Piers thanked the board and was no longer present on Zoom.

VII. Receipt of Applications
There were no new applications.

VIII. Approval of Applications
EW Historical Society, 115 Scantic Rd, COM2022-001
Mr. Enderle had a conversation with John Burnham and Jay Ussery. A lot of the development will be done in the future. The building that will initially be connected is known as the blue barn. Mr. Enderle explained they will be putting in all the piping. It will be a dry sewer. They can put in the building sewer 5' from the building. The plans show only one building connected. All the other buildings sewer will be capped. Mr. Enderle explained that they have a goal, a vision, but will be starting small. After a long discussion, Mr. Ussery resubmitted plans revised 4/25/2022, building sewer terminates 5' short of building.

Motion: To approve the application of EW Historical Society, 115 Scantic Rd, revised 4/25/2022, building sewer terminates 5' short of building.

Smith/Richards
Discussion: Mr. Richards asked hypothetically, if he came in tomorrow with a plan to develop land with a bunch of buildings and foundations but only wanted to connect one building, what would Mr. Enderle tell him? Mr. Enderle replied that it would have to be built to specifications and you would have to pay for the infrastructure. You would have to pay the connection charge for buildings as they connected. Initially you would submit an estimate of flow data, which would be sent to Town Engineer Len Norton for review. After three years, the water use would be looked at for a three-year review. Mr. Richards has heard that the blue barn will be a public use building for events. Mr. Enderle replied that the water use will be metered and there will be a three-year review. Mr. Richards asked if what they are doing for the Historical Society is what would be done for other applicants. Mr. Enderle replied yes.

Passed unanimously

Attorney Lanza arrived at this time.

IX. Legal
Attorney Lanza asked if Mr. McConnell had come in to talk to the board. Mr. Anderson replied that the board made recommendations of how he could get help with other things so he would have some money to pay his sewer bill.
The South Road sewer easements were discussed. Mr. Enderle explained there will be an easement on each property for access to the sewer line. Everything that has been done to Mr. Enderle’s satisfaction. He recommends accepting the South Road sewers into the sewer system. There is a one-year warranty with Green Mountain. The Green Mountain contract is with the town. Mr. Enderle told the town there is a conditional acceptance; to come back after the one-year warranty. Mr. Anderson said at this time they were only approving the easements.

**Motion:** To accept the South Road Sewer Easement as presented.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

**Motion:** To suspend the regular meeting.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

X. Public Hearing

**Motion:** To open the public hearing for Culjak, 231 South Main St.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

There was no one present on Zoom for Culjak, 231 South Main St. Mr. Enderle explained this is an existing single family residential and all of the FCC has been paid.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing for Culjak, 231 South Main St  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

**Motion:** To resume the regular meeting.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

XI. Action on Facility Connection Charge

**Motion:** To impose the Facility Connection Charge for Culjak, 231 South Main St as published.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

XII. Unfinished Business

**IT Status**  
Mr. Albozek reported that they put in the last three VFD’s for the sludge pumps, two operators were able to watch. They have increased the hortz to help with the ragging issue. Mr. Richards asked about informing the public about the rags. Mr. Enderle explained that they are working on something for the schools. Mr. Noto spoke to the Stoughton Ridge condo board about this also.

**Paving Contracts**  
There wasn’t anything to report.

**Benefit Assessment Policy**  
This was not discussed.

XIII. New Business

**Bill Sheet Review**  
Mr. Anderson reported that we are 83% through the year and 67% through the money.
Superintendent’s Report
Mr. Enderle provided binders with a presentation. He went over the major projects for the past year. Thirteen VFD’s were installed through the Eversource/Earthcore program. The cost of the VFD’s was $180,000. The Gibbs drive was repaired. Mr. Enderle gave credit to Mr. Alibozek for overseeing the SCADA upgrades. Mr. Alibozek is cross training the staff. He reported that it is an ongoing, slow process. He and Mr. Enderle have a huge amount of trust with the staff. The diffusers in the activated sludge tank were changed out. Credit was given to the WPCA for allowing them to do what they do.

Transfers
There were no transfers.

XIV. South Road Sewer Easement
This was discussed under legal. Attorney Lanza will reach out to the Town’s attorney tomorrow.

XV. Discussion of Annual CPI Increase
There was a brief discussion. Mr. Richards felt this should be discussed in Executive Session. It will be added to the May agenda.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.
Richards/Smith
Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael
Recording Secretary