

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

**Minutes of Meeting of February 23, 2022**

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

**Others Present:** WPCA Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, Chief Operator Edward Alibozek, Board of Selectmen Liaison Marie DeSousa and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

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 7:00 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 November 17, 2021**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of November 17, 2021, as submitted.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

**IV. Communications**

Mr. Anderson had several items. The first, a certificate earned by Mr. Alibozek. He is continuing his education. Mr. Smith stated this is excellent. The second, was a public notice from the Town of Suffield for a tentative decision to renew a discharge permit submitted by HP Hood. They currently discharge 400,000 gallons per day of pretreated wastewater. The third was a report of the Town of Agawam is taking bids for a \$980,000 odor control system for one of their pump stations to neutralize a rotten egg smell. The fourth, the Town of South Windsor held a public hearing on February 1<sup>st</sup> to adopt a "Miscellaneous Industrial User Wastewater". The fifth, a notice from State DOT regarding the replacement of the bridge over the Scantic River with a map of state road detours. The sixth, was a news article from November 19, 2021, regarding World Toilet Day.

**V. Visitors**

There were no scheduled visitors.

**VI. Public Participation**

Mr. Anderson asked if anyone was on Zoom; there was no response.

**VII. Receipt of Applications**

EW Historical Society, 115 Scantic Rd, COM2022-001

Mr. Enderle reported that several months ago, Jay Ussery and John Burnham came in with a conceptual plan. The property is within the Sewer Service Area and a connection is available to the Osborn House. This will be a private sewer until it connects to our sewer system. A pump system will be required. Mr. Anderson stated this will be private sewer on private property. Mr. Enderle said that is correct; but we will be inspecting the project. Mr. Richards asked what we will be basing flow on. Mr. Enderle explained that Tim Coon based flow on a certain number of events and a certain number of people attending; he estimated 1 EDU. This is a commercial application, and it will be subject to a three-year review. Mr. Enderle explained that this will go on the land records as private sewer. The WPCA won't have any responsibility for anything within the private area. Mr. Richards ask if there would be multiple connection charges. Mr. Anderson replied probably not; the buildings

will not be occupied and there will be a three-year review. Mr. Enderle felt this will need a legal opinion. Mr. Anderson explained they could receive the application tonight, but they can't approve it as they don't have the Town Engineer's comments yet. Mr. Richards asked if Attorney Lanza should look at this. Mr. Enderle replied yes.

**Motion:** To accept the application of the EW Historical Society, 115 Scantic Rd, COM2022-001.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

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

There were no applications to be approved.

### **IX. Legal**

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

### **X. Public Hearing**

**Motion:** To open the public hearing for West River Farms LLC, 22 West River Rd through Fly Boys LLC, 106 Scantic Rd.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

There was no one on Zoom for West River Farms LLC, 22 West River Rd. Mr. Enderle explained this is a new single family new construction and all of the FCC has been paid.

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There was no one present on Zoom for VP Property Management LLC, 110 North Rd. Mr. Enderle explained this is a single family residential and none of the FCC has been paid.

There was no one present on Zoom for Fly Boys LLC, 106 Scantic Rd. Mr. Enderle explained this is a single family residential and all of the FCC has been paid.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing for West River Farms LLC, 22 West River Rd through Fly Boys LLC, 106 Scantic Rd.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

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

### **XI. Action on Facility Connection Charge**

**Motion:** To impose the Facility Connection Charge for West River Farms LLC, 22 West River Rd through Fly Boys LLC, 106 Scantic Rd as published.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

### **XII. FY202-23 Budget**

Mr. Enderle provided a copy of his proposed budget for FY2022-23. Mr. Anderson explained that salaries are down 3.2%, health insurance is down by 27%. This is due to employees leaving and new employees starting at

a lower rate. The sewer line maintenance, the vehicle maintenance, electricity lines are up. The overall budget is only up 2%. The estimated sewer use rate is \$416. The rate will be set in May after the water readings are received. Mr. Enderle explained that they allocate \$200,000 for capitol improvement projects from FCC money. Mr. Enderle explained that several nearby plants have gone through upgrades. They take 2% state loans. The debt service on a \$1,000,000 loan is \$60,000 per year for 20 years. Every year we take on a couple of large projects and pay as we go. Mr. Richards commented that he thought the rate would be higher; \$416 isn't what he anticipated.

**Motion:** To accept the FY2022-2023 budget as presented.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

### **XIII. Unfinished Business**

#### **IT Status**

Mr. Enderle reported that Mr. Alibozek undertook a cybersecurity analysis through the EPA. Mr. Alibozek stated that we're in good shape. As with many workplaces, the weakest link will be the people. He has put together training sessions for the staff. Mr. Alibozek reported that fiber optics are being run to two buildings. Mr. Alibozek thanked Mr. Anderson for the article regarding the odor control system at the Agawam pump station. Last year, our staff installed a Big Horn odor control system. The system can be accessed through SCADA. The project was completed in house for about \$20,000.

#### **Paving Contracts**

Mr. Enderle reported that he and Mr. Alibozek went to DOT in Newington because the State method of reimbursement was archaic. The State will now be reimbursing 100% for uncovering manholes.

#### **Benefit Assessment Policy**

This was not discussed.

### **XIV. New Business**

#### **Bill Sheet Review**

Mr. Anderson reported that we are 67% through the year and 54% of the budget has been expended.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Enderle reported that the Town has a contract with Green Mountain to reline the sewer lines on South Rd. There is a punch list to be completed before the one-year warranty period begins. Mr. Enderle can't enforce this because the Town has the contract with Green Mountain. After one year, the WPCA can accept the South Rd sewer into our sewer system.

Mr. Enderle explained the Scantic bridge replacement is scheduled for the spring/summer 2023. There will need to be bypass pumping during the project. Mr. Enderle has submitted a cost estimate to DOT. The State will reimburse 100%.

Mr. Enderle reported that everything is going well and there are a number of projects underway.

#### **Transfers**

No transfers were made.

### **XV. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:04.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael  
Recording Secretary