

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

Minutes of Meeting of March 29, 2023

Members Present: Paul Anderson, Jim Richards and Steve Smith

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

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

III. Acceptance of Minutes of February 22, 2023

Motion: To accept the minutes of February 22, 2023, as submitted.
Smith/Richards
Passed unanimously.

IV. Communications

Mr. Anderson presented an article from the March 25th JI stating that Tolland cancels virtual public hearing after inappropriate content. On March 28th the JI reported that Tolland will continue hybrid meetings after hearing hacked. Facebook reported on March 27, 2023, a Casella Waste Systems employee servicing a route in Willimantic noticed an elderly man severely injured in the middle of the road. Driver Shawn Waterman rushed to the man's aid and immediately called for medical assistance. Casella thanked Waterman and all Casella drivers who keep a watchful eye servicing their communities. The March 25th Boston Herald reported that wastewater data keeps dropping. Boston has been monitoring COVID wastewater levels and has reported a 20% decrease. In the past two weeks, the particles in wastewater plunged 40%.

V. Visitors

There were no scheduled visitors.

VI. Public Participation

No one was present on Zoom.

VII. Receipt of Applications

There were no new applications.

VIII. Approval of Applications

There were no applications to be approved.

IX. Legal

Delinquent accounts that had been returned by a State Marshal as uncollectable and did not respond to an additional collection letter and a demand notice, were referred to Attorney Lanza for collection.

Motion: To suspend the meeting for the purpose of holding the public hearing.
Smith/Richards
Passed unanimously.

X. Public Hearing

Motion: To open the public hearing for Newberry Village LLC, 7 Mourning Dove Trail and 39 Mourning Dove Trail.
Smith/Richards
Passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson read the public hearing notice that was published in the Journal Inquirer.

There was no one present for Newberry Village LLC, 7 Mourning Dove Trail. Mr. Enderle explained that this is a new Active Adult residential and half of the FCC has been paid.

There was no one present for Newberry Village LLC, 39 Mourning Dove Trail. Mr. Enderle explained that this is a new Active Adult residential and half of the FCC has been paid.

Motion: To close the public hearing for Newberry Village LLC, 7 Mourning Dove Trail and 39 Mourning Dove Trail.
Smith/Richards
Passed unanimously.

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

XI. Action on Facility Connection Charges

Motion: To impose the Facility Connection Charges for Newberry Village LLC, 7 Mourning Dove Trail and 39 Mourning Dove Trail in the amount published.
Smith/Richards
Passed unanimously.

XII. Unfinished Business

IT Status

Mr. Alibozek reported that over the past two weeks the HMI and SCADA were upgraded at the Route 5, Newberry Rd and Industrial Park pump stations. Eight out of ten pump stations can be controlled from the plant. This is a big safety plus as adjustments can be made to the pump stations from the plant during storms. They are preparing to run cable to better control the raw pump mixers. Due to the retirement of the current billing software provider, we are working on finding a new vendor. There may be some adjustments on our end.

FCC Rate Review

Mr. Enderle reported that the Tighe & Bond rate survey had not been updated in three years. He is working from the list of towns from the last time the FCC was reviewed. The FCC rates in some towns have gone up and the sewer use rates have gone up more than the inflationary rate. Mr. Enderle will provide a chart with the high, low and median rates for next month's meeting.

End Date on Contracts

Attorney Lanza reported that the WPCA is not beholden to the rate given with the original application for Calamar. The application states that it is valid for one year from the date of application. He and his father agree, there is no obligation to the rate negotiated. Mr. Anderson stated they are open to renegotiation; Calamar will need to file a new application. Mr. Richards suggested preparing a letter explaining that time has

passed. Their application has lapsed and the FCC calculation has expired. Mr. Enderle will compose a letter and have Attorney Lanza review it.

Paving Contracts

This was not discussed.

Benefit Assessment Policy

This was not discussed.

XIII. New Business

Bill Sheet Review

Mr. Anderson reported that we are 75% through the budget year and 69 % of the money has been spent. He questioned the leave provision due line being 293% expended. Mr. Enderle replied that was due to an employee retirement. Mr. Karolczuk used little to no sick time and was entitled to 50% pay out of his time.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Enderle reported that it has been a very busy month. Randy and Scott Robbins installed larger HMI screens at pump stations. They are preparing to run cable to the mixers in the raw wet well. A rebuilt pump was installed at the Mill Pond pump station and they are preparing to do Route 5. Every pump station has a spare pump. They have been out with the vactor. Mr. Ference has taken charge. He is planning the work out one week in advance. The EPA has a mandate on when and where jetting will be done. Mr. Enderle explained that the odor control system is working well and they are able to control it through SCADA. They have been dropping tank levels, the odor control system is working well and it is economical. The system cost less than \$20,000. Mr. Richards asked what the capacity of the plant was. Mr. Enderle replied less than 50%. Currently about 35%.

Transfers

There were no transfers.

XIV. Executive Session

Union Negotiations

Motion: To enter into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m., to include Mr. Alibozek, Mr. Enderle and Board Members. No motions will be made.
Smith/Richards
Passed unanimously.

XV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Smith/Richards
Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Michael
Recording Secretary