

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

**Minutes of Special Meeting of September 27, 2022**

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

**Others Present:** WPCA Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, WPCA Attorney Michael J. Lanza, Attorney Michael B. Lanza, 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. Acceptance of Minutes of July 27, 2022**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of July 27, 2022, as submitted.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

**III. Communications**

Mr. Anderson had several items of communication. The 1<sup>st</sup> was published on August 9, 2022, the Somers treatment plant is in line for upgrades. If approved, a \$945,000 grant would help pay for the approximate \$1,000,000 in upgrades. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was published on August 13<sup>th</sup>, Provincetown restaurants shut down amid sewer emergency, the 3<sup>rd</sup> was a public notice published on August 25<sup>th</sup>, Vernon WPCA rates for 6 months using our 50,000 EDU equals \$302.10 which is an annual rate of \$604.20. The 4<sup>th</sup> was an article published on August 27<sup>th</sup> regarding England's sewage discharges which has been dumped into the ocean. The 5<sup>th</sup> was a public notice for Somers WPCA rates. Somersville has an annual rate of \$490.00 per EDU and the Maple Ridge Community system has a rate of \$180.00 per EDU for the 2022-23 billing period. The 6<sup>th</sup> notice was published on September 18<sup>th</sup> reported that CT test wastewater for polio. The 7<sup>th</sup> notice was published on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Vernon's \$69.5 million sewer plate upgrade is delayed by supply chain issues. When there are delays, there is an increase in the cost.

Mr. Richards reported that the Soapy Noble was holding their Grand Opening this Friday.

**IV. Visitors**

There were no scheduled visitors.

**V. Public Participation**

No one was present on Zoom.

**VI. Receipt of Applications**

There were no new applications.

## **VII. Approval of Applications**

There were no applications to be approved.

## **VIII. Legal**

Attorney Lanza introduced his son Michael who is an attorney and has joined the practice. He will be attending some of the WPCA meetings.

Attorney Lanza asked if any response was received from Pippin. He will look into taking this to small claims court.

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

## **IX. Public Hearing**

**Motion:** To open the public hearing for 50 South Main LLC, 50 South Main Street.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

Mr. Anderson read the public hearing notice that was published in the Journal Inquirer. Mr. Enderle reported that this is an existing two-family house adjacent to Riverview Plaza, half of the FCC has been paid. There was no one present for 50 South Main LLC, 50 So Main St.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing for 50 South Main LLC, 50 So Main St.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

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

## **X. Action on Facility Connection Charges**

**Motion:** To impose the Facility Connection Charges as published.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

### **IT Status**

Mr. Enderle reported that we are transitioning to VTSCADA, Virtual Tag SCADA. The old and new systems will run side by side for a year. Mr. Alibozek did a two-hour training session at the Perri Lane pump station for the staff. The Evercore project had replaced VFD's at the plant. The ones that were replaced were saved. The VFD at the North Rd pump station had burned up; Traver was able to take one of the saved VFD's and use it at the pump station.

### **Paving Contracts**

There is concern with the paving on South Water St. Mr. Enderle had been assured that the paving would match the existing road grade. It was not kept to grade, Mr. Enderle is working with Public Works to get this resolved. Mr. Richards felt a letter should be sent to public works

explaining what happened but not to approach it upset. He would like an update at the next meeting. Mr. Enderle explained that Prime Electric has been contacted. Mr. Anderson stated that they can't have the rate payers paying for this. DPW will have to pay to correct this. Mr. Enderle said he will report back at next month's meeting.

Benefit Assessment Policy

This was not discussed.

**XII. New Business**

Bill Sheet Review

Mr. Anderson reported that we are 25% through the budget year and 12% of the money has been spent. He explained that a refund was made to a rate payer who paid their January 2023 installment in error and could use the money now. There was also a payment to the State of CT for the nitrogen program. Mr. Enderle explained that the program has become self-sufficient. The facility can discharge 59 pounds of nitrogen per day. Everything that is done here is biological. We don't spend money on chemicals. In the past 15 years, the facility has taken in almost \$200,000 in credits. We are paying in much less than other towns.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Enderle reported that it has been a busy month. We've gotten out with the vac con which is shared with DPW. We've transitioned to the new alarm system. The chlorine season ends this Friday. The Manchester landfill that takes the grit screenings is closing on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We've had just over a month to find an alternative. A one-year contract was signed with ESI. Mr. Enderle had contacted USA Hauling but received no response until after the contract was signed with ESI. Mr. Richards suggested keeping the lines of communication open with USA Hauling.

Mr. Anderson explained that they had talked in the past about having a get together to meet the new employees. He would like to schedule this. It was felt that an onsite lunch could be scheduled at some point between Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Mr. Richards suggested giving a \$25 Geissler's gift certificate to each employee to help with their Thanksgiving dinner.

Transfers

There were no transfers.

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.  
Smith/Richards  
Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Michael  
Recording Secretary