



Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present: E. Duell, J. Galeota, P. Gilbert, S. Koehler

Members Absent: D. Parisi

Others Present: T. Webb-WPCA Admin., K. Mailman and M. Gaston-Fuss & O'Neill, R. Hartenstein-Stafford WPCA, P. Sis-Accu-Time Systems

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ed Duell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2019 Meeting

MOVED (GILBERT) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN.

4. New Business:

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE ITEM #3 UP TO ITEM #1.

1. Accu-Time 420 Somers Rd, sewer connection

Tim Webb told the members that the sewer service map as it stands right now does not include their parcel of land. It includes the airport and Accu-Time abuts the airport parcel. In 2008, Pam Lombardo assessed Accu-Time for the benefit assessment when at the same time they were not in the

service district. Accu-Time has a septic repair that needs to be made and is inquiring about hooking into the sewer. They have been working with the Health Department. Mr. Sis of Accu-Time stated that they are at capacity for their septic system. They currently have other locations in Ellington that employees are working and are exploring their options for this property. Fuss & O'Neill included this property in the flow allocation that was done. It just needs DEEP approval to be put into the service district.

The WPCA members are in support of this. Tim Webb told them that Accu-Time has been paying their assessment since 2008 and they are not looking for reimbursement at this time. If they receive approval to connect, they would like to apply their payments to future fees. Mr. Sis will request a letter from North Central Health.

2. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates

Marshal Gaston of Fuss & O'Neill showed the member a map showing the proposed expanded sewer service district as discussed last month and including 420 Somers Rd. Mr. Gaston has also included the parcel owned by the Town on Hoffman Rd and the property on Middle Rd.

The I&I study application is in the process. There will be additional information that they will require after the letter of approval is received.

Stein Road test pits were completed and they have found diggable rock in the area. The plans are 75% complete. There will be an information meeting at the Annex in May for the residents affected. They met with Connecticut Water regarding High Ridge Road and they are rearranging the water line so it is not on top of the sewer line. The WPCA members stated their agreement with this change.

Regarding the Vernon Pump Station, Tim Webb stated that there is a valve at the inlet before the muffin monster and when the water flow is down, they can close it so the wet well can be inspected. They are projecting a date sometime in August to do this.

3. Country Pure Flow Billing & Payment to Vernon

In 2008 Ellington and Vernon came up with a new billing system for Country Pure. In 2014 when Peter Williams retired and the Finance Officer in Vernon left, as well as new management at Country Pure, it created a gap in the billing for Country Pure Foods by the Town of Vernon. Country Pure was submitting their flow readings to Ellington all this time and Ellington was billing them and collecting the funds. However, there was no reporting to the Town of Vernon for flows. The Town of Vernon bills per water usage from the CT Water as well as flat fee for those on

wells. Country Pure being a business on a well and was supposed to report their usage to Vernon. This was discovered recently when the Town of Vernon switch over to a new billing system. State Statute restricts the back billing to 3 years and they have sent a draft invoice for the funds that were never billed. Tim Webb will draft a letter and get copies of the agreement to the members. He will also get the backup and an explanation for the files.

5. Administrative:

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

The crew has been flushing the lines and will begin their grinder pump maintenance soon.

ii. Other

The Town of Stafford has discovered more iron build up on the sewer main running down Route 140. Mr. Hartenstein asked that Tim Webb send out his letter again asking the resident not to flush their water softeners into the sewer line.

6. Misc. Communications - None

7. Adjournment

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:02 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary