

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 28, 2023  
Community Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

Ed Meehan, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: Ian McLachlan, Mark Riggio, Ed Meehan and Sam Chorchos.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ian McLachlan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/22/22 meeting as presented. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ARPA PROJECTS – Status of Project Proposals for Manhole #20 and Pipe Lining, 4 Water Street  
Copies of proposals, developed by Green Mountain Pipeline Services, for the Manhole Replacement project and the Pipe Lining project, were included in the Board's packet. Ed Meehan reported on the history of the project/prior bids.

Manhole 20 - Equix Integrity withdrew their quote of \$8,420 submitted in October 2021 for Manhole 20. Savy & Son's bid dated 11/11/22 totaled \$35,085.00. Green Mountain's bid, including Manhole 20 and an additional manhole (for the pipe lining project) totals \$18,586.00.

Sewer Pipe Lining – 4 Water Street – Bids received include: Insituform, \$35,000 (dated 1/5/22) and Green Mountain, \$24,928 (dated 2/21/23). Savy & Son did not bid on this project.

Ed reported that funds for contingencies (30%) will be added as appropriate.

ARPA Funding

Ed reported on the history of the ARPA funds as follows:

- April 7, 2022 Town Meeting approved \$98,480.00
  - \$72,819 spent on the 43/47 Main Street project
  - Funds also used for engineering necessary to develop quotes
  - In December 2022, the balance was \$25,661.00
- January 5, 2023 Town Meeting approved an additional \$55,320.00
- BALANCE - \$80,981.00

The Board discussed the Green Mountain bid(s) in depth. Ian recommended that "except for the negligence of the contractor" be added to page 2 of the contract; stating "if any of our equipment becomes lodged or stuck in the pipe for any reason, and we are unable to free it, it will become the responsibility of the client to repair such collapsed, broken or defective pipe and retrieve our equipment".

In addition, clarification will be requested regarding the “removal of debris” under the proposed exclusions section.

Ed will follow-up on the above. Note that the bids are valid for 30 days.

Ian McLachlan made a motion to award Green Mountain Pipeline services the Manhole Rehabilitation project. He further moved to authorize Chairman Meehan to negotiate on the most favorable terms per issues discussed above and to sign a contract in the amount of \$18,586.00. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sam Chorchos made a motion to award Green Mountain Pipeline services the Sewer Pipe Lining project. He further moved to authorize Chairman Meehan to negotiate on the most favorable terms per issues discussed above and to sign a contract in the amount of \$24,928.00. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed the use of remaining ARPA funds for a generator switch.

#### NORTH MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (STEAP) AND SEWER EXTENSION (ARPA)

Ed reported that the Town has received the signed contract from DOT relative to the STEAP Grant (North Main Street project; paving/drainage). As previously discussed, extending the sewer line while this project is underway would be ideal. Jacobson has been charged with developing a concept plan for gravity flow to the bridge. This plan will be used to design the laterals. Costs associated with the lateral connections will be the responsibility of the property owner.

AGRU/GRU – 2022 Monthly Summary and January 2023 Maintenance Reports  
Copies of the reports, developed by Jacobson were included in the Board’s packet.

After discussions with Simons they have met the 2022 criteria.

The new Home Town Market establishment has filed all appropriate paperwork relative to the grease control system and management has met with Ed and Dave Campbell, Jacobson.

#### DISCUSSION OF SEWER ASSESSMENT BENEFIT PROCESS

The Board discussed the sewer assessment benefit process. A map of the sewer area was available for review. Also available was a list, developed by Madelyn Meyer, of properties on the system and those properties able to join the system (but have chosen not to tie into the sewer).

Ed provided a history of the system and reported that he has reviewed WPCA minutes and Town Meeting/Referendum documents relative to the \$2.5 million North Main Street extension to Deep River. At that time, users were required to pay a \$2,000 assessment benefit fee plus the user fees based on water consumption.

Relative to the potential for additional users as a result of the North Main Street project (approximately 6 properties), the consensus of the Board was to continue to charge those properties the Assessment of Benefit fee (\$2,000 per the WPCA regulations). Ed Meehan will speak with Ed Ward (prior WPCA Chairman) regarding the history of the Assessment of Benefit fee.

#### REVIEW OF FY 23-24 BUDGET, USER FEES AND BENEFIT ASSESSMENT REVENUE

Copies of the Budget were distributed to Board members. Of note:

- Deep River usage – expect a surplus at year’s end.
- Engineering – ARPA funds have been used for engineering.
- Any funds not expended roll into the Fund Balance.

The Tax Collector reports that we are approximately 50% collected halfway through the year and “on track” with collections.

Ed reported on the history and status of Aaron Manor. In September 2019, the IW approved Aaron Manor’s application (with conditions). DPH then approved an on-site system as, at the time, it met State requirements; with the requirement that the Health District be on call and inspect the system.

The neighbors appealed DPH’s decision; however, the decision was up-held.

An appeal is currently pending against IW because their Public Hearing notice was filed incorrectly. IW will have further discussions at their May meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Sam Chorches made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Ian McLachlan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski  
Clerk