

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Community Room
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: Sam Chorches, Mark Riggio, Ed Meehan, John Chillock, and Ron Amara.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None.

REVIEW OF ARPA PROJECTS - Impact on WPCA FY 23-24 Budget

A copy of the ARPA Projects Status Report, developed by Peter Evankow was included in the Board's packet and discussed.

To date, all approved WPCA projects have been completed and surplus funds remain in the WPCA ARPA accounts. Ed provided an overview of the completed projects including infrastructure repairs at 47-55 Main Street, 4 Water Street pipe relining, repairs to manholes 4 and 20, and sewer extension on North Main Street to the Great Brook.

Sam Chorches made a motion to request that the BOS and BOF reallocate a total of \$6,383.00 from the remaining \$25,661.36 (WPCA Sewer Infrastructure ARPA line – note: the Town Meeting approved \$98,480.00 for this project) to facilitate manhole/riser replacement projects related to the emergency repairs on Rte. 154. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed the status of the vacant Chesterfields property and the potential for “noticing” the property owner relative to outstanding sewer bills.

STATUS REPORT - 47 Middlesex Avenue - CGU 8-30 Project - Sanitary Sewer Connection

Ed Meehan reported that P&Z continued the Public Hearing held last week. P&Z will participate in a site walk and schedule the next Public Hearing on the proposed 47 Middlesex Ave. project.

Jacobson has been working with the applicant's engineer on system design. Options being considered include the use of a force main on Middlesex Ave. and/or a gravity line.

Ed reported that as noted in the 5/4/23 WPCA meeting minutes, the proposed additional discharge of 8,100 gpd into the force main in Middlesex Ave. could increase the daily flow to the treatment plant to 26,100 gpd, 44% of the 60,000 gpd limit. THERE IS SUFFICIENT

CAPACITY IN THE EXISTING SYSTEM TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

Ed cautioned WPCA members against discussing this project with P&Z members during the P&Z Public Hearing phase of the process.

REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 2023 AGRU/GRU MAINTENANCE REPORTS

A copy of the AGRU/GRU Maintenance Report was included in the Board's packet. Simon's continues to have issues with filling in the forms properly. Ed has talked with the business owner and progress is being made.

In-ground systems at Granos, Ottos and the Village Bistro have been pumped.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING RECORD AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Sam Chorchos made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/19/23 Public Hearing and meeting as presented. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed reported that sewer bills have been mailed (rates have remained the same for several years.).

ADJOURNMENT

Sam Chorchos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk