

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, December 19, 2023  
Town Hall  
Community Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included Chairman Meehan, Sam Chorches, Mark Riggio, John Chillock, Virginia Carmany, Ed Ward, Erica Udoff and several other members of the public.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None.

STATUS REPORT - 47 Middlesex Ave. Affordable Housing Project  
Sam Chorches recused himself from this discussion.

Ed Meehan reported that P&Z has approved the 47 Middlesex Avenue project with conditions. This action has been appealed. To date, there has been no application relative to the project made to the WPCA.

As previously reported, the proposed additional discharge of 8,100 gpd into the force main on Middlesex Avenue 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.

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. It is the applicant's responsibility to determine the appropriate design. To date, there has been no application made to the WPCA for consideration. Any application would require construction level drawings.

Ed Meehan responded to questions/comments posed by audience members including:

\* Deep River Agreement - the proposed flow rates were based on 40 units and 350 gallons per bedroom or 8,100 gallons per day which is within the system's capacity. The WPCA encourages the use mitigation methods to reduce water into system.

\* Timeline - as reported, to date there has been no application made to the WPCA. If/when an application is received, all appropriate protocols will be followed i.e. legal notices, Public Hearing, notification to abutters.

The status of Chesterfields was briefly discussed. The WPCA cannot make any decision relative to the 47 Middlesex Ave. project based on what may or may not happen with Chesterfields.

REVIEW OF ARPA PROJECTS - Request to Reallocate Funds - Rte. 154 Manhole Project

To date, all approved WPCA ARPA projects (infrastructure repairs at 47-55 Main Street, 4 Water Street pipe relining, repairs to manholes 4 and 20 and sewer extension on N. Main Street) have been completed. Surplus funds remain in these WPCA ARPA accounts.

The WPCA has requested that the BOS and BOF consider the reallocation of \$6,383.00 in ARPA funds to facilitate manhole/riser replacement projects related to the emergency repairs on Rte. 154. The BOS discussed this request at their last meeting and tabled it until additional information related to other potential uses of these funds (tree removal, boat launch) can be provided for consideration.

In addition the WPCA has already purchased and paid for the manholes/risers and Peter Evankow is investigating whether or not ARPA funds may be used to "replenish" the WPCA's budget.

#### REVIEW OF FY 23/24 BUDGET EXPENDITURE, USER FEES & ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS

Budget documentation was forwarded to WPCA members. Of note:

- \* Chesterfields - has been in discussions with the Tax Collector and has paid the first half of the User Fees due and are up to date in their payments.

- \* Approximately 50% of the \$117,100 Operating Budget has been collected.

- \* Expenditures are “on pace” with the usage and the numbers are steady (in spite of Chesterfields no longer contributing to the system). It does not appear that sump pumps are contributing to the usage.

#### REVIEW OF PUMP STATION SYSTEM MONITORING REPORTING

Pete Lewis will send pictures to Jacobson of the conditions observed when manhole covers were removed during the investigation into the increased usage.

#### ASSESSMENT – 43, 45, 47 Main Street

John Chillock made a motion to add to the agenda a discussion and possible action on a request to review/adjust the assessment at 43, 45, and 47 Main Street. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Meehan reported that the property owners have requested the WPCA review their assessment as it was increased to a “mixed use” property. The property was previously identified as 3 residential units at \$750 per unit. They have requested EDU “relief” until a CO is issued or the renovations/construction is complete. The property owners have paid the first half of their assessment. It is not known when the CO will be issued. Note that there is precedent for adjusting EDUs during construction/renovation.

John Chillock made a motion to reduce the April 2024 payment at 45 Main Street to reflect the unfinished portion of the property. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### AGRU/GRU RESTAURANT MAINTENANCE REPORTS

A copy of the AGRU/GRU Maintenance Report was included in the Board’s packet. The grease systems located in restaurants (Pattaconk, River Tavern, Simon’s Villager, Honey Comb and Hometown Market) must be cleaned regularly and forms must be filled out on a daily basis and forwarded to the WPCA. The Agreement with Deep River calls for the monitoring of these systems.

Grano, Wheatmarket, Riverside, Otto’s, Village Bistro and Chesterfields have in-ground systems and quarterly reports, provided by contractors/pumpers are forwarded to the WPCA.

Jacobson follows up on any issues relative to the reporting and the Health District is also a resource that may be used in the event of non-compliance.

#### SET WPCA 2024 REGULAR MEETING DATES

Mark Riggio made a motion to set the 2024 WPCA meeting schedule as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 10/17/23 WPCA MINUTES

Mark Riggio made a motion to approve the minutes from the 10/17/23 WPCA meeting as presented. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Sam Chorches made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski  
Clerk