

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Community Room
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included Chairman Meehan, John Chillock, Sam Chorches, Mark Riggio, John Ely, Deep River Operator, Pete Lewis, Superintendent Deep River and Aaron Zain.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - Aaron Zain, Chester resident, reported that she is interested in filling the vacant seat on the WPCA and has submitted paperwork to the town relative to the vacancy.

REVIEW OF AGRU/GRU MAINTENANCE AND COMPLIANCE

As previously discussed, several establishments (Simon's, Hometown Market and River Tavern) are not up to date on maintenance and compliance reports. A copy of Dave Campbell's report, including photographs of the inside of the restaurants, was included in the WPCA packet. Hometown Market has since provided documentation and is currently in compliance with regulations. Both Ed Meehan and Dave Campbell, Jacobson, have discussed the conditions at Simon's with the establishment's owner. It appears that the equipment in Simon's is not operating properly.

The Health Department will now include inspection of the grease traps during their restaurant inspections.

Wind River Environmental "jetted" the system today. John Ely, Deep River updated the WPCA on the process and provided photographs of the conditions inside the various manholes, in particular, manholes 8 and 8a (servicing the Villager, Simon's and River Tavern). These manholes showed considerable blockages. One area had to be "jetted" 2 to 3 times to remove the blockage (grease). Note that traffic flaggers may be required in future "jettings" of the system. John Ely reported that a broken manhole (in the vicinity of 154) was identified and will need to be replaced.

Sam Chorches made a motion to forward a letter to Simon's, including Dave Campbell's report and photos, indicating that their equipment is not functioning properly and must be repaired by 4/15/24. John Chillock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW 23/24 BUDGET STATUS

Pete Lewis distributed documentation developed by GDL Services, relative to generator service/maintenance. Pete recommends that Chester perform the maintenance as outlined in the

contract/proposal.

Sam Chorches made a motion to approve the GDL LLC contract in the amount of \$2,120.00 as presented. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Meehan reported that the Intertown Agreement with Deep River began in 2005 and expires in 2025. This document sets forth Chester's responsibilities, i.e. maximum gallons per day, capital costs, O&E, etc. for use of the Deep River system. Pete Lewis and John Ely will review the document and provide comments/changes to Ed.

As part of their budget process, in June/July, Deep River identifies capital items, sets the O&M fees and provides the figures related to Chester's flows. This information is forwarded to Chester for budgeting purposes that begin in September. Ed will meet with Pete and John to develop a 5-year Capital Plan, including hardware, software and other potential capital items.

PROJECT STATUS

Rte. 154 Manhole Recovery – Ed reported that he would like to see 2 quotes for this project. Jacobson is currently confirming that one vendor identified is "approved". The plan is to receive one bid for both Deep River and Chester manholes and then determine which town is responsible for paying for which manholes.

North Main Street Sewer Line Extension (ARPA) – plans and bid documents are being prepared. A plumbing survey will be included. This survey will ensure that a gravity system is possible and will in turn determine the appropriate depth of the sewer line. The project needs approval by SHIPPO, P&Z and IWWA.

Ed reported that he has been hired by the BOS to be an "ombudsman" for this project. He will work with engineers, property owners, contractors, etc.

47 Middlesex Ave. Housing – Sewer Connection - No response has been received related to the status of the lawsuit.

Manholes and system cleaning - see above.

43-47 MAIN STREET – Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Issuance
The property has received a CO for the entire location.

John Chillock made a motion to reinstate fees for 43-47 Main Street. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF 23-24 BUDGET STATUS

The Treasurer's Report, through the end of February, shows that approximately 59% of fees have been collected. It is expected that the remaining balance will be collected as a result of the April billing. There are no outstanding users unpaid.

Chesterfields has paid off their total assessment of benefits. The future use of the Chesterfields

property is unknown. Since Chesterfields' closure in September, the flow into the system has decreased by approximately 70,000 gallons.

MINUTES

Sam Chorches made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/19/23 as amended. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correction: Page 1 – under Deep River Agreement – bullet point should read: the proposed flow rates were based on 40 units with 54 bedrooms at 150 gpd per bedroom or 8100 gpd which is within the system's capacity.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Meehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. John Chillock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk