

### Town of Himsbury

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In Person / Virtual Meeting - Conference Room, Water Pollution Control Facility

### Simsbury Water Pollution Control Authority Special Meeting

Wednesday June 29, 2022 7:00 p.m. 36 Drake Hill Road Simsbury, CT 06070 WPC Facility

### AGENDA

- 1) Safety Brief
- 2) PUBLIC HEARING for 3-6 Eagle Lane Sewer Extension
- 3) Belden Forest Court Condominiums Continued Discussion
- 4) Bond Release Griswold Place
- 5) April, May and June Meeting Minutes Possible Approval
- 6) WPCA Summer Recess / Authority to Chairman and Vice Chairman during Recess possible approval
- 7) Adjourn



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# LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF SIMSBURY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a public hearing at their Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, in the Conference Room at the Water Pollution Control Facility, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury, CT at 7:00 p.m. The meeting can be watched live and will be rebroadcast on Comcast Channels 96, 1090, Frontier Channel 6071 and LIVE streamed or on-demand at <a href="https://www.simsburytv.org">www.simsburytv.org</a>. The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposal, and possibly take action regarding extending sanitary sewers to serve 3-6 Eagle Lane, Simsbury, CT. All interested property owners shall have an opportunity to appear and be heard.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Paul Gilmore, Chairman

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MAY 13, 2010

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Philip Richardson called the meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members were also present: Warren Coe, Ed Kelly, Michael Park and Loren Shoemaker; Gary Faraci and Paul Gilmore were absent. Also present were: James Clifton, Superintendent WPCF, Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer and Alison Sturgeon, Clerk. Mr. Rabinowitz, 13 Alder Road, was also in attendance.

### II. PUBLIC HEARING: Sewer Use Billing Policy

Mr. Richardson read the legal notice.

# LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF SIMSBURY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

A public hearing on adoption of a revised Sewer Use Billing Policy will be held on May 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT. It is proposed to base the annual sewer use charge for non-residential sewer customers on water use, where such data are available. Copies of the proposed Sewer Use Billing Policy are on file at the Town Clerk's Office and <a href="https://www.simsbury-ct.gov">www.simsbury-ct.gov</a>. All affected sanitary sewer customers may appear and be heard.

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Philip Richardson, Chairman

Mr. Clifton stated that this policy is for non-residential customers, which are all customers except single family dwellings. This policy will convert billing to the water meter system.

Mr. Shoemaker questioned the \$100 permit fee for people who want a separate water meter for irrigation. Mr. Clifton stated that this is a different type of permit from the current connection/repair permit. The fee covers the cost of the issuance of the permit, recording costs, and for the inspector to go out and do the work.Mr. Clifton stated that secondary water meter surcharges apply. The amount of surcharge will be set at the next meeting.

Mr. Coe made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adopt the Sewer Use Billing Policy as presented. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### III. MEETING MINUTES – possible approval: March 11, 2010 and April 8, 2010

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the April 8, 2010 minutes as presented. Mr. Park seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Richardson abstained.

Mr. Park made a motion to approve the March 11, 2010 minutes as presented. Mr. Coe seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Kelly abstained.



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November 8, 2010

### Re: Important Information about Sewer Use Billing Changes

Dear Simsbury Sewer Customer:

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming change in the way you will be billed for sewer use and to provide you an opportunity to plan for this change. Earlier this year, after conducting public hearings, the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Authority changed the sewer use billing policy for non-residential customers and single meter apartment complexes. Starting in 2011, non-residential sewer customers will be billed for sewer use based on water use. This change stems from a desire to provide the most equitable billing method possible - one based on metered water usage rather that the current "formula based" billing. With few exceptions most of the water used by customers ends up at the WPCA treatment facility. Therefore sewer use billing based on water use most closely reflects the costs associated with final treatment by the WPCA. With the availability of water billing data and the means to use that data for sewer billing, the WPCA determined that it was an appropriate time to implement this change. The revised billing process will be implemented with the issuance of the June 30, 2011 sewer use bills.

In recognition that many users irrigate during the summer months, the WPCA plans to exclude usage for the July to September quarter. Sewer bills will be based on water meter data for the periods April to June and October to March. These three quarters will be averaged and multiplied by four to annualize the data.

Associated with this change there will be many non-residential customers that use less water than predicted by the existing formula. Those customers will see a decrease in their sewer bills. Likewise, there are customers who use more water than predicted by the existing formula and they will experience increases in their bills in order to allow planning for this change you are urged to review your past water bills. This may also be a good time to examine water conservation opportunities that could be instituted to lower your water use.

While the WPCA will set the actual sewer usage rate for 2011 in May, the current estimate is that the rate will be approximately \$5.50 per 100 cubic feet. The final rate will be calculated to be revenue neutral to the WPCA — total income from all non-residential users in 2011 will be the same as in 2010. This change is not intended to provide new revenue; it is to provide a more equitable billing policy.

If you wish to discuss the potential impact on your sewer use billing, or if you believe you have special water usage circumstances that should be considered (if, for example, you use significant amounts of water for irrigation from April to June) please contact the Simsbury Water Pollution Control staff (Jim or Kendra at 860-658-1380). The WPCA wants to ensure that the data used for billing accurately represents the water that enters the WPCA's collection system.

Sincerely,

Simsbury Water Pollution Control Authority

BELDEN FOREST COURT 40 FIRETOWN ROAD (rc: condos) SIMSBURY, CT 06070

### Town of Simsbury WPCA Application for Bond/Escrow Release Application Requirements

Application:	
Date:	

Applications must be received at least two business days prior to the next regular meeting of the WPCA to be placed on the agenda. Applications must include all necessary supporting documents to process such application. Please provide 4 copies of all supporting documents for distribution

1.	Applicant Name: Carson	Way LLC		
2.	Mailing Address: 75 Wes	st Stret CT 0607	0	
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
3.	Property Address: Griswol (City)	of Carson Way (State)	Simsbur, (Zip)	rCT
4.	Phone: <u>860-658-7600</u> (Daytime)	(Evening)	(Fax #)	<u>860 · 305 - 2069</u> (Cell)
5 .	Nature of Request: Start of Maintenance period Reduction in Bond Acceptance of Sewers Release of Escrow Release of Maintenance bond Other			



# WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING APRIL 14, 2022 "Subject to Vote of Approval"

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Jay Sheehan called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:05 p.m. via a virtual Zoom meeting. The following members were present: Michael Park, Lucian Dragulski and Jacques Brignac. Also present were Anthony Piazza, Superintendent and Alison Sturgeon, Clerk.

- 2. SAFETY BRIEF Mr. Piazza stated to be aware that tick season has started.
- 3. SEWER USE FEES FOR FY 2022/23 CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLY SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

Mr. Piazza stated he is not recommending that sewer user rates or the facility connection charge be increased for the upcoming fiscal year. It is Town staff's recommendation to increase the construction permit fee from \$100 to \$150, which has not been increased since 2004. They are also recommending an increase to the labor rate from \$40/hour to \$50/hour.

Mr. Sheehan questioned how many permits the WPC typically gets each year. Mr. Piazza stated that he would estimate that number to be 70 permits.

Regarding the Fats, Oils and Grease registration, Mr. Piazza stated that the FOG registration would be for any Class 3 or 4 restaurant in the Town of Simsbury. The Town is required to check the maintenance logs for cleaning of their grease traps. To cover processing and inspection costs, staff is recommending a \$50 biannual fee. Mr. Sheehan questioned if this would be every two years. Mr. Piazza stated that this is correct.

Regarding the Industrial Permit registration, Mr. Piazza stated that back in 2020, the Sate turned over enforcement of these permits to the Town. The State charged \$6,250 for discharge of anything less than 25,000 gpd; for non-process discharges, the fee was \$3,125. He reviewed what the surrounding Towns are currently or will soon be charging. Mr. Piazza stated that staff is recommending charging a \$100 registration fee for all industrial users. For flows between 1,000-5,000 gpd a permit fee of \$500 plus the \$100 registration fee could be charged. For anything over 5,000 gpd, a permit fee of \$1,000 plus the \$100 registration fee could be charged. There are approximately 60 industrial users in the Town of Simsbury. There are only 6 companies that would be over the 5,000 gpd. He reviewed the types of industrial companies that would be included. The Town of Simsbury does not have the right to charge an Avon or Granby customer. He would suggest charging each Town instead of the customer, which is the same way that sewer use fees in those Towns are collected by Simsbury. A public hearing will be needed to put these fees into place.

Dr. Park made a motion to set the public hearing for determining the Industrial Permit Registration and the Fats, Oil and Grease Registration fees. Mr. Dragulski seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Dragulski made a motion to amend Dr. Park's motion to set the public hearing for their May 12, 2022 meeting to set the Industrial Permit Registration and the Fats, Oil and Grease Registration fees. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

#### 4. 44 SAND HILL ROAD, WEATOGUE – DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE SEWER EXTENSION

Mr. Piazza showed the Authority members an aerial map of the current sewers on Knoll Lane, Tallwood Lane, Deer Park and Croft Lane. There is a section of Sand Hill Road that is not currently sewered. He stated that if the Authority wanted to move forward, Town staff would hold an informational meeting with the approximately 14 homeowners in this area.

Dr. Park questioned how many of the neighbors were already interested. Mr. Piazza stated that two neighbors have expressed interest.

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There was consensus among the Authority members to move forward with the informational meeting.

### 5. STATUS REPORT ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS, ETC.

Mr. Piazza stated that the Pine Hill Homeowner's Association will be having a vote on May 6<sup>th</sup> to see if they want to proceed with the sewer replacement/upgrade project. Also, the contractor for the Woodland Street upgrade continues to wait on the State permit for crossing the abandoned railroad. He stated that they will be starting the landscaping restoration tomorrow.

### 6. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Piazza stated that all permit requirements were met for the month of March. He stated that staff is continuing their work with AECOM for the update of the Water Pollution Control Plan, the Water Pollution Control Facilities Plan, analysis of the protective berm with the updated flood plain mapping, and an update on the phosphorous removal plan. Corrections are being made to the draft copy of the plan and will be provided to the Board for the next meeting.

Mr. Piazza stated that the UV disinfection system has been placed in service for the season. They have had several minor issues with equipment failures; staff has responded well to ensure no effluent violations have occurred. Regarding sewer lining, staff has compiled a list of lines remaining in the Tariffville section of Town as well as several lines along Hopmeadow St. The Tunxis Pump Station force main will be part of this project. This year's work will complete the three-year bid with Granite Inliner.

Regarding staffing, Mr. Piazza stated that interviews have been completed for the open operator positions; background checks are being completed. Both applicants are expected to start in the coming weeks.

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Authority members reviewed correspondence regarding the Nitrogen Credit Exchange Program. Simsbury will be receiving \$5,413 from this program.

### 8. MARCH MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Dragulski made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Brignac seconded the motion, which was approved. Dr. Park abstained.

#### 9. ADJOURN

Dr. Park made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Dragulski seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Jay Sheehan, Vice-Chairman

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# WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MAY 12, 2022 "Subject to Vote of Approval"

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Gilmore called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:05 p.m. via a hybrid of in-person and virtual Zoom meeting. The following members were present: Michael Park, Ed Kelly and Jacques Brignac. Also present were Anthony Piazza, Superintendent, Tom Roy, Director of Public Works and Alison Sturgeon, Clerk.

- 2. SAFETY BRIEF Mr. Gilmore stated that as the warmer weather approaches, he cautioned everyone about lawn mowers on inclines. Riding mowers can easily tip and lead to dire consequences.
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING INDUSTRIAL USE PERMIT REGISTRATION AND FATS, OIL AND GREASE REGISTRATION FEES

Mr. Gilmore read the legal notice.

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF SIMSBURY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a public hearing at their meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022, in the Main Meeting Room at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT at 7:00 p.m. The meeting can be watched live and will be rebroadcast on Comcast Channels 96, 1090, Frontier Channel 6071 and LIVE streamed or on-demand at <a href="https://www.simsburytv.org">www.simsburytv.org</a>. The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposal to set the fee structure for the Industrial Use Permit Registration and the Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Registration. Affected property/business owners shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed fee structure.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Paul Gilmore, Chairman

Mr. Kelly made a motion to open the public hearing. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Regarding the Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) program, Mr. Piazza stated that this is the general permit for discharge of wastewater associated with food service establishments. The State permit came into effect in 2015 and is due to expire in 2025. In the past, the Town did have a management program in place with no financial assistance. The process is more cumbersome since they are now required to maintain cleaning logs, grease disposal logs and inspection reports. Mr. Piazza stated that Town staff is recommending a bi-annual fee of \$50 for all Class 3 and 4 restaurants in Simsbury, which would cover the inspector's costs overseeing this program. He believes it will take approximately 1-2 hours per restaurant. The plan is to have the restaurants send in their document. If they do not, the inspector will then be sent out for additional inspections.

Mr. Piazza stated that the draft FOG Policy has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. He stated that the WPCA does not need to vote on the policy tonight. This hearing is for setting the fee.

Mr. Gilmore questioned how many restaurants were in Simsbury. Mr. Piazza stated that there are approximately 85 Class 3 and 4 restaurants that will be a part of this program.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve a \$50 bi-annual fee for Class 3 and 4 restaurants in Simsbury with respect to the Fats, Oil and Grease management program. Mr. Brignac seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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Regarding the general permit for discharge of industrial users, Mr. Piazza stated that the State of Connecticut reissued this permit in October of 2020 and it is due to expire in October 2025. The State managed this program prior to this time; their permit fees ranged between \$3,500 - \$6,500, depending on flows. The State has now put the onus on towns to manage this program. The program has also since expanded to include auto repair shops; car washes; public pools; manufacturing; distilleries and breweries. They have also reduced the flow requirements for registration purposes to include any industrial user that discharges more than 1,000 gpd.

Mr. Piazza stated that Town staff is recommending any industrial user with less and 1,000 gpd be charged a registration fee of \$100; a user between 1, 000 - 5, 000 gpd be charged the \$100 registration fee as well as a \$500 permit fee; and any user above 5,000 gpd be charged the \$100 registration fee as well as a \$1,000 permit fee. He stated that the reasoning behind separating the users above 1,000 gpd and 5,000 gpd is because of the sampling requirements.

Mr. Kelly questioned if the registration fee of \$100 would be a one-time fee. Mr. Piazza stated that the registration fee would be good for a 5-year period, which is the length of the permit. Mr. Kelly stated his concern regarding the substantial decrease in fees from when the State was issuing these permits. He questioned if Town staff felt comfortable that these new proposed fees would cover their costs. Mr. Piazza stated that costs would be covered at these rates.

Mr. Piazza stated that the Town of Simsbury does not have the authority to bill a user in another town, although they do have the right to bill that town for those users. Mr. Kelly questioned if these types of fees were covered in the Intertown Agreements with Avon and Granby. Mr. Piazza stated that the agreements are vague concerning this.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the WPCA has a duty to treat the same classes of dischargers in Avon and Granby as they do in Simsbury. While they may not be able to charge them, their respective towns can assess them and Simsbury can recover their costs by billing the Towns so Simsbury users will not be subsidizing the businesses in other towns. Mr. Roy stated that their goal is to work with Avon, Granby and the Town Attorney to come up with the appropriate mechanism to charge these users.

Mr. Kelly questioned which town would be responsible to inspect the users in Avon and Granby. Mr. Piazza stated that the Town of Simsbury would be responsible to monitor these users.

Mr. Piazza read a letter into the record from Larry Baril, Avon Town Engineer.

Mr. Piazza reminded the Authority members that they are setting and voting on the fee structure for the Town of Simsbury and they have a right to charge those same fees to Avon and Granby users based on the permit. At the same time, Avon and Granby will need to set their own policies and fee structures for users in their towns.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to continue the public hearing, regarding the Miscellaneous Industrial Use permits until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Regarding the WPC fee schedule, Mr. Piazza recommended that the residential rate of \$360 per EDU and non-residential rate of \$4.56 per CCF remain the same. They are recommending that the construction permit fee, which has not had an increase since 2004, be increase from \$100 to \$150 in order to cover the administrative and inspection costs. He stated that Town staff is also recommending that labor costs be increase from \$40/hour to \$50/hour; and increase vehicle fees from \$50/hour to \$60/hour.

There was a short discussion regarding the vehicle fees and rising gas prices.

Mr. Brignac made a motion to keep the residential sewer rates at \$360/EDU and non-residential sewer user rates at \$4.56/CCF for FY 2022/23 with no increase; to increase construction permit fees from \$100 to \$150; to increase labor fees from \$40/hour to \$50/hour; and to increase vehicle fees from \$50/hour to \$60/hour. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### 4. BELDEN FOREST COURT CONDOMINIUMS - DISCUSSION

Mr. Piazza stated that Belden Forest Court Condominiums, which are individually owned, are being charged by water use. Prior to 2011, they were being charged as individual units. He stated that WPC policy states that because they are individually owned, they should be getting charged \$360 per residential unit. Town staff is requesting permission to charge each individual unit. He stated that they have been receiving an approximate \$12,000 discount since 2011.

Mr. Kelly stated that this will come as a shock to the people that live there. Mr. Gilmore stated that there may have been some rationale for switching these condominiums from EDUs to water usage. He does not feel it would be fair to change their sewer fees without notice. The WPCA has a public duty to give them an opportunity to be heard, as well as advanced notice prior to any possible increase of this magnitude.

Mr. Roy suggested that Mr. Piazza reach out to Belden Forest Court Condominiums prior to the next meeting.

### 5. STATUS REPORT ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS, ETC.

Regarding the Hopmeadow Street / Woodland Street sewer upgrade project, Mr. Piazza stated that the contractor did get delayed. They will be starting work inside Dyno Nobel on Monday. They will then continue work at the north end of Woodland Street. They did some hydroseeding on Hopmeadow Street; they will then be doing some sidewalk repair on the south end of Woodland Street.

Mr. Piazza stated that the Pine Hill Homeowner's Association voted to move ahead with their sewer upgrade project. A public hearing will need to be held for this project.

Regarding the Ridge at Talcott Mountain, Mr. Piazza stated that they changed the design of the commercial building. They have been notified of the increase in their FCC because of this change. Also, the developer is still in the preliminary design phase for the Simscroft lot on Iron Horse Boulevard.

### 6. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Piazza stated that all permit requirements were met for the month of April. He stated that staff continues to work with AECOM for the update of the Water Pollution Control Plan, the Water Pollution Control Facilities Plan, analysis of the protective berm with the updated flood plain mapping, and an update on the phosphorous removal plan. Corrections are being made to the draft copy of the plan and it will be provided once complete.

Mr. Piazza stated that on April 26<sup>th</sup>, the influent sampler failed resulting in a lost scheduled sample day. The sampler was replaced and all testing was rescheduled for later in the week. A report was filed with the State DEEP on the issue

Regarding sewer lining, Mr. Piazza stated that staff has provided a list of lines to be completed in the Tariffville section of Town as well as several lines along Hopmeadow Street. The Tunxis Pump Station force main will be part of this project as well. This year's work is scheduled to be completed in July.

Mr. Piazza stated that Michael Morin and Lee Schmidt have started as plant operators and bring skill sets that will be a benefit to the WPCF staff.

#### 7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

### 8. APRIL MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Dr. Park made a motion to approve the April 14, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Brignac seconded the motion. Dr. Park and Mr. Brignac voted in favor. Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Kelly abstained.

The April meeting minutes will be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.

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### 9. ADJOURN

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.	Dr. Park seconded the motion,	which was
unanimously approved.		

Paul Gilmore, Chairman

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# WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING JUNE 9, 2022 "Subject to Vote of Approval"

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Gilmore called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:05 p.m. via a hybrid of in-person and virtual Zoom meeting. The following members were present: Michael Park, Ed Kelly and Lucian Dragulski. Also present were Anthony Piazza, Superintendent, Tom Roy, Director of Public Works and Alison Sturgeon, Clerk.

- 2. SAFETY BRIEF Mr. Gilmore stated that as the hot weather approaches, he stated to never leave a pet unattended in a hot car.
- 3. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING INDUSTRIAL USE PERMIT REGISTRATION

Mr. Gilmore read the legal notice.

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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Paul Gilmore, Chairman

Dr. Park made a motion to continue the public hearing. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Piazza stated that the Miscellaneous Industrial Use (MIU) permit which was issued by the State back in 2020, put the onus on all publicly owned water treatment facilities. They require the registration of all industrial users. The permit consists of two distinct groups: those users who discharge less than 2,500 gpd and those users who discharge non-processed wastewater. He stated that Section 4, Part 2c1 of this permit allows each treatment facility to collect fees. Mr. Piazza stated that there are 58 industrial users in Town; all 58 users will need to register under the MIU permit. Town staff is recommending any user that discharges less than 1,000 gpd be charged a registration fee of \$100; any user that discharges between 1,000-5,000 gpd be charged the \$100 registration fee and a \$500 fee; and any user that discharges over 5,000 gpd be charged the \$100 registration fee and a \$1,000 fee. He stated that these fees are being recommended since sampling requirements are needed for discharges for 1,000 gpd or more, which Town staff would need to take in and review. Mr. Piazza stated that these fees are in line with what the State previously charged. These recommended fees are for a 5-year period; the permit will expire in October 2025. Town staff will reassess the fees at that time.

Mr. Gilmore questioned if the fees would be adequate to cover the sampling requirements. Mr. Piazza stated that Town staff will not be doing the testing; they will be reviewing the testing.

Mr. Kelly questioned how each user's flow is recorded. Mr. Piazza stated that Town staff will be using data from the water company.

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Mr. Gilmore questioned where the qualifications for the dischargers came from. Mr. Piazza stated that they came from the State permit.

Thomas Armstrong, Vice-Chairman of the Avon Water Pollution Control Authority, stated that they just concluded their meeting, where they discussed this issue. He summarized their discussion in a letter to the Simsbury WPCA. He stated that the Avon WPCA is in general agreement with Simsbury's approach. They understand that Simsbury would be taking the lead with registration, oversight and enforcement; they also generally approve of the fee structure. The Avon WPCA feels that the Intermunicipal Agreement will need to be amended by both Avon and Simsbury. He stated that if the Simsbury WPCA moves forward and approves this tonight, he would recommend that, as to Avon, they would condition it upon both Avon and Simsbury WPCAs agreeing to the plan with a notation that Avon would need a public meeting regarding this and that the Avon Town Council and the Simsbury Board of Selectmen would need sign on off on the Intermunicipal Agreement.

Mr. Armstrong stated that there is a request that the Simsbury WPCA consider billing the Avon industrial users directly and not the Town of Avon, although this is something that can be worked out in the Agreement. In any case, the Town of Avon would need to have a public hearing to impose any fees on Avon's industrial users. Mr. Piazza stated that he does not believe that legally, the Town of Simsbury can bill Avon users.

Mr. Gilmore questioned if the Town Attorney has been asked to see if he believes the Intermunicipal Agreement needs to be amended. Mr. Piazza stated that the Town Attorney has reviewed the policy and did not state it needed to be amended.

By the State's standards, Mr. Piazza stated that Simsbury has the right to bill Avon users. He stated that Simsbury currently credits Avon for the Simsbury residents that flow into Avon. He stated that the MIU fees could be a line item on the Town of Avon's current quarterly bill or could be a separate bill altogether.

Mr. Armstrong questioned when these fees would go into effect, if approved. Mr. Piazza stated that they would go into effect on July 1, 2022. There are approximately 30 industrial users in Avon, although he is unsure if they all flow to Simsbury.

Mr. Gilmore questioned if Avon's Town Attorney has publicly taken a position as to whether or not the Intermunicipal Agreement needs to be amended to address this policy. Mr. Armstrong stated that, to his knowledge, a formal opinion has not been given. He suggested having both Town's attorney discuss this.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to close the public hearing. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Miscellaneous Industrial Use (MIU) policy as presented and to be implemented beginning July 1, 2022 and that there be a request made by the Simsbury WPCA of the Town Attorney to review the Intermunicipal Agreement to see if an amendment is necessary or advisable to implement this policy and that the Town Attorney should reach out to the Town Attorneys of Avon and Granby to see if they are of a like mind and to proceed accordingly, but to not defer the implementation of this policy. Mr. Dragulski seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### 4. PINE HILL HOMOWNERS ASSOCIATION SEWER UPGRADE – POSSIBLY SET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Piazza stated that an informational meeting was held and the Pine Hill Homeowner's Association has voted in favor of moving forward with this project. There is one homeowner on Hopmeadow Street that has been informed and will be a part of this project as well. Mr. Piazza recommended setting the public hearing for the September meeting.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to set the public hearing for the Pine Hill Homeowner's Association sewer upgrade for the regular meeting on September 8, 2022. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### 5. 3-6 EAGLE LANE EWER EXTENSION – POSSIBLY SET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Piazza stated that there are four homes on Eagle Lane. One of those homeowners has a failing septic system. They did hold an informational meeting with these homeowners, who are all in favor of the project. The design has already been started. He recommended holding a special meeting by the end of June.

Mr. Roy stated that this project is time sensitive since they are in the process of paving the road. By getting the sanitary sewers installed prior to paving, it will reduce the costs of the overall project.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to set the public hearing for a sewer extension for 3-6 Eagle Lane to be held at a special meeting on June 29, 2022. Mr. Dragulski seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### 6. BELDEN FOREST COURT CONDOMINIUMS - CONTINUED DISCUSSION/UPDATE

Mr. Piazza stated that prior to switching to water usage to calculate billing, Belden Forest Court Condominiums were billed individually. At the time of the changeover, the complex was billed as a whole. There is no record as to why this happened. He stated that the WPCA's billing policy is that individual homes or dwelling units are billed individually.

There was a short discussion regarding notifying the homeowners prior to billing them individually. Mr. Gilmore suggested adding this issue to the special meeting agenda on June 29<sup>th</sup> in order to give people an opportunity to come in and ask questions prior to receiving a new bill. The Commission members agreed.

### 7. STATUS REPORT ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS, ETC.

Regarding the Hopmeadow Street/Woodland Street sewer upgrade project, Mr. Piazza stated that the contractor started on the north end of Woodland Street today. The work has been completed inside of the Dyno Nobel property. The entire project should be completed within the next 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Piazza stated that there was an informational meeting for Sand Hill Road. Interest cards and measurement sheets will be sent out.

### 8. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Piazza stated that all permit requirements were met for the month of May. He stated that staff has completed the work with AECOM for the update of the Water Pollution Control Plan, the Water Pollution Control Facilities Plan, analysis of the protective berm with the updated flood plain mapping, and an update on the phosphorous removal plan. The plan has been reviewed by Town staff. The Water Pollution Control plan requires the signature of the WPCA Chairman and must be submitted to the State.

Regarding sewer lining, Mr. Piazza stated that this year's work is scheduled to be completed in July. This will complete the lining of the Tariffville section of Town. Also, he stated that staff conducted 3 plant tours with students from Westminster School's environmental science class

### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Authority members reviewed a letter to Sand Hill Road homeowners regarding the informational meeting that was held on June 2, 2022; and a letter to Pete Rose of Talcott View Development regarding the facility connection charge for 34 Hopmeadow Street.

### 10. APRIL AND MAY MEETING MINUTES - POSSIBLE APPROVAL

The April, May and June meeting minutes will be put on the June 29th special meeting agenda because of a lack of quorum

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### 11. ADJOURN

Dr. Park made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.	Mr. Kelly seconded the motion,	which was
unanimously approved.		

Paul Gilmore, Chairman