

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2024
“Subject to Vote of Approval”**

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mr. Paul Gilmore called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom and was streamed live.

☒ Mr. Paul Gilmore
☐ Mr. Ed Kelly
☒ Mr. Jacques Brignac
☒ Mr. Tom Hickey

☒ Mr. Jay Sheehan
☒ Mr. Lucian Dragulski
☐ Dr. Michael Park

Also present was Thomas J. Roy, PE, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, Anthony Piazza, Superintendent, and Jessica Campbell, WPCA Administrative Secretary.

1. SAFETY BRIEF

Chair Gilmore prompted the audience to be cognizant of coyotes in the area and keeping pets safe.

2. 302 BUSHY HILL ROAD: SEWER CONNECTION WAIVER REQUEST, DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Roy disclosed the vacant lot located at 302 Bushy Hill Road is served by a low-pressure sewer located across the street. There is some discrepancy on the assessment; the property was not listed as needing to pay an assessment by the Tax Collectors Office. The WPCA records has the assessment valued at \$7,000. To avoid construction going across Bushy Hill Road, the builder would prefer to install a septic system on-site. This action would be a waiver of the ~~current policy~~ Town Code which does not allow ~~a home that can connect to the sewer system to install an alternative option~~ construction of a septic system if sewers are available. The committee discussed the ~~policy~~, environmental impacts, and economic aspects of each option pertaining to a vacant lot.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to deny the waiver submitted by Cardwell Homes, LLC to install a septic system in lieu of connecting to the sewer system for 302 Bushy Hill Road. Mr. Brignac seconded the motion, and it was unanimously denied.

3. STATUS REPORT ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS, ETC.

Mr. Piazza stated the Pine Hill Sewer Project is continuing. Within a month, the easement documents that are required should be approved by the Board of Selectmen. The south campus of the Hartford site is currently in the Public Hearing through Zoning phase. Development on Iron Horse Boulevard is moving forward.

4. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Piazza reminded the committee that WPCA had a violation for total suspended solids on January 11, 2024 when the flow peaked at approximately 7 million gallons resulting in a loss of solids. ~~Woodard & Curran's methodology was utilized to maintain solids in the plant.~~

The liquid polymer delivery systems ~~are~~ is running and has resulted in cost savings. The control panel for the grit washer was shipped on February 8, 2024 and the rest of the system is scheduled to be delivered in July. The

pre-construction meeting has been conducted and construction is slated to start in March for the rehabilitation of the primary clarifier.

Due to the high flows of water, the nitrogen limit was ~~over the required limit~~ high; however, Mr. Piazza stated it can be made up throughout the rest of the year with no cost penalty as they are evaluated on an annual basis.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

6. JANUARY MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Mr. Hickey made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Additionally, Mr. Piazza discussed the Town of Simsbury Senior or Disabled Homeowner Sewer Use Relief Program and shared that the application is live on the Town's website. Applications will be presented for approval during the March meeting.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Brignac seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Paul Gilmore, Chairman