



FARMINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 9th, 2022
Farmington WPCF, 1 Westerberg Drive & Online Meeting (Covid-19)

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

B. REGULAR MEETING

Chairman James Foote called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday Feb 9th, 2022.

Members Present: Chairman James Foote, Vice Chairman Kevin Ray, Secretary Philip Cordeiro, Phil Dunn.

Members Attending Remotely (Zoom): N/A

WPCF Staff Present: Mark Batorski, WPCF Superintendent.

Also Attending Remotely (Zoom): N/A

C. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To accept the minutes of the Wednesday January 12th, 2022, Meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, (Ray/Dunn) the Authority

Voted: To accept the minutes of the Wednesday Jan 12th, 2022, Meeting.

Motion Passed

D. ORAL PETITIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

E. COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

1. WPCF Monthly Operating Report Summary January 2022. Mark Batorski informed the authority that operations met all monthly regulatory requirements.

F. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / PROJECT ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Current reported dated January 2022 – Mark Batorski WPCF Superintendent briefed the Authority on the following projects:

Private Sewer Construction

1. Yorkshire Condominiums:

Developers Sewer Permit Agreement for Phase 2 and payment has been received. Work continues as necessary.

Public Sewer Construction & Repair

1. Steven Circle

Installation has been completed, awaiting installation of inverts and air test. Owner is currently awaiting completion and acceptance of Bridgehampton Sewer before they can construct and connect any homes.

2. Bridgehampton – Final Phase

Sewer has been installed, awaiting final testing and approval.

Sewer Pump Station Construction and Repairs

A. Batterson Park Pump Stations

1. On January 15th, operators and maintenance noted skewed readings from the pressure transducer at the Batterson Park pump station. The transducer was pulled, cleaned, and monitored to make sure trending returned to normal.

B. Harlan Road Pump Station

1. On January 14th, operators and maintenance installed a new expansion tank at the Harlan Road pump station after finding the bladder had blown out.

C. Oakland Park Pump Stations

1. On January 25th, operators and maintenance pulled pump #2 at the Oakland Gardens pump station. The impeller was packed with rags and debris, the pump was cleaned and monitored for any further problems.

D. Tunxis Pump Station

1. On January 26th operators and maintenance pulled pump #1 at the Tunxis pump station. Rages and debris were found. The pump was put back online and monitored for any issues.

Pump Station Control, Collection System, and I & C Systems

1. Throughout the month of January, WPCF personnel & DPC Engineering began smoke testing and started CCTV inspections in the following areas: Woodside Drive, Meadowside Drive, & Great Oak Lane. Other areas will be started in February. WPCF crews continue to flush lines as weather permits in preparation for CCTV inspections.
2. WPCF Personnel began cleaning, changing oil & filters and waxing the VAC Truck for winter maintenance.
3. Throughout the month of January, operators continued to clear ROW's and jet as weather permitted. Berkshire Drive and Robin Road were both cleaned and Vac'd during the month of January.
4. In the month of January operators worked with highway cleaning out storm drains and using the sewer camera to help identify problem areas.

WPCF Repairs and Upgrades

1. On January 5th, operators and maintenance finished dismantling sludge dewatering feed pump #1 for the new pump install (Feb estimate*). The upgraded dewatering pump is rated at 250gpm (an upgrade from the present 100gpm) and is scheduled to arrive the first week in January. The new pump will help decrease overtime costs while increasing our dewatering capacity.
2. On January 10th, operators cleaned and flushed the effluent strainer in the RAS building basement.

3. On January 13th, WPCF maintenance pulled sludge transfer pump #1 to clean the lobes and checked clearances.
4. On January 15th, WPCF personnel inspected a fault on the headwords building odor control fan. After pulling and testing the motor a short circuit fault was discovered. The motor was sent out for an inspection and possible rebuild.
5. On January 24th Grit pump #2 was cleaned and flushed. A new gasket was also made to help with condensation mixing with the oil.
6. On January 28th, operators noted the solenoid on the muffin monster was sticking. Maintenance cleaned and dried the solenoid, WPCF personnel will monitor to see if there are further issues.

CT DEEP Updates

Plant Upgrade

1. The Farmington WPCF received its last Nitrogen report of the year on Wednesday December 29th, 2021. We are under the 178 lb. permit for the first time in the plant history and are confident with the new fermentation tank we can remain under moving forward. Included are the costs and data all the way back to 2002 where our permit was almost twice as high as it is now (354 lbs. VS. 178 lbs.). With the historic flows we had this year and multiple storms in July-Sept it makes the results that much more impressive.
2. JKB Consulting Finalized the SWPPP in January 2020. This new permit is now in affect and includes (weekly, monthly, and quarterly inspections) and semi-annual sampling and toxicity testing.

Inter-Town Sewer Use Agreements

1. The Avon flow meter was calibrated by the manufacturer's representative in August 2021 with staff from both towns present. The Avon and Crocus Lane meters were both well under the permissible deviations.

WPCF Safety Initiatives

1. On March 29th Santo Manicone worked with plant management to update the Confined Space Program. These changes will help make the program more efficient while transferring the program online. He will continue the towns OSHA consulting services and help to streamline our safety program.

Plan Reviews/Approvals

1. Lots 8677 Plainville Ave
 - a. TPZ Application
 - b. Portions of property in both Farmington and Plainville
 - c. Proposed 61 Senior Active Adults
 - i. 13 Units in Plainville will flow to Plainville
 - ii. 25 Units in Plainville will flow to Farmington
 - iii. 23 Units in Farmington will flow to Farmington

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. The authority set the Legal Notice Date for the Public Hearing on 2022-2023 WPCF Budget and Sewer Assessments for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and have a Public Hearing scheduled for March 9th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room.

Motion: To set the Public Hearing for the WPCF 2022-2023 Budget for March 9th, 2022.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, (Cordeiro/Dunn), the authority discussed the proposed budget.

After a lengthy discussion the authority unanimously agreed to a (0) % percent increase for the 2022-2023 WPCA Budget.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, (Cordeiro/Dunn), the authority:

Voted: Unanimously to recommend the 2022-2023 WPCA Budget with a zero (0%) increase for Public Hearing at the March 9th, 2022, WPCA Meeting.

Motion Passed

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

K. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE AUTHORITY

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn the Feb 9th, 2022, WPCA in Person & Online Meeting

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, (Ray/Dunn) the Authority

Voted: To adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Batorski, Superintendent
Water Pollution Control Facility

Cc:
WPCA Members, email
Town Council Members, email
Devon Aldave, email
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