

# FARMINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 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 January 11th 2023.

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

Members Attending Remotely (Zoom): N/A

WPCF Staff Present: Mark Batorski, WPCF Superintendent

Also Attending Remotely (Zoom): N/A

### C. **NEW BUSINESS**

# D. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the Wednesday December 14th, 2022 Meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the minutes of the Wednesday December 14th, 2022 Meeting.

#### **Motion Passed**

# E. ORAL PETITIONS - PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### F. COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

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

# F. <u>DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / PROJECT ENGINEER'S REPORT</u>

1. Current report dated December 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 have been received. Work continues as necessary.

Main line has been completed; developer is making connections to buildings as they are being built.

#### 2. Willow Brook Estates

Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Plainville and Developers Sewer Permit Agreements have been completed and payment has been received. Work on Phase 3 (Connection to Farmington is ongoing). Connection to Farmington Sewer in Laurel Lane has been completed. Working on remaining phase.

Main line and laterals have been completed through Phase 3. Fourth phase to commence in spring 2023.

# 3. Orchard Heights (West Hartford)

All lots are located within the Town of West Hartford and the Developers Sewer Permit Agreement has been completed with the Metropolitan District.

Main line connection has been made with Middle Road.

# **Public Sewer Construction & Repair**

1. None

# **Sewer Pump Station Construction and Repairs**

## A. Tunxis Pump Stations

1. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, operators and maintenance installed a new block heater at the Tunxis pump station. Pump #1 was also pulled with rags and debris found in the impeller.

## B. Batterson Park Pump Station

1. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, operators completed landscaping at the Batterson Park pump station. Half inch stone was spread and added to the fence line to help with drainage.

# C. Centerbrook, Hyde, & Patrick Flood Pump Stations

1. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, all three stations were running under generator power due to high winds. The stations ran without incident and power was restored later in the day.

#### D. Devonwood & Westfarms Pump Stations

1. On December 28<sup>th</sup>, operators installed new garage door seals at both stations. Louvers were shut and stations were checked for winterization.

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

- 1. In the month of December, WPCF personnel jetted Bridgehampton Crossing, Plainville Avenue, and Pinnacle Ridge.
- 2. In the month of December, WPCF personnel cleaned and Vac'd the flow meter manhole on Plainville Avenue. During routine jetting, operators noticed the manhole was surcharged. Upon inspecting the next manhole, it was discovered the flow meter and cable had fallen off

- the mount and was laying in the channel, starting a backup. Operators cleared the blockage and re-mounted the flow meter, Plainville WPCF was also contacted.
- 3. WPCF personnel continued to camera and look for problem areas in sewer and storm drain lines. In the month of December, operators used camera to inspect Old Village and Coppermine storm lines.
- 4. Throughout the month of December, operators continued to clear the Pinnacle Ridge ROW. Bridgehampton ROW is also being worked on throughout the winter.
- 5. In the month of December, operators worked with Highway cleaning out storm drains and using the sewer camera to help identify problem areas.

## **WPCF Repairs and Upgrades**

- On December 5th, operators installed a new sample sink in the Primary basement. This allows samples for the waste lines in addition to the recycle lines.
- 2. On December 17th, operators and maintenance exercised and greased the effluent slide gate.
- 3. On December 19th, plant maintenance and operations changed oil and greased both waste pumps in the RAS basement.
- 4. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, operators performed maintenance on the odor control units #1, #2, #3, & #4.
- 5. On December 20th, WPCF maintenance began pulling the UVs, inspecting bulbs, cleaning systems and fluids. This will continue through January until all banks are completed and ready for install in late March.
- 6. On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, operators received a fault for Anoxic mixer 1b. The overtempt fault was caused by a damaged wire. New wires were pulled and the mixer was put back online.
- 7. On December 26<sup>th</sup>, operators noticed a small leak in the spray line for the Final Clarifiers. Water was shut off to the lines and the leak is being investigated.

### CT DEEP Updates

### Plant Upgrade

 The Farmington WPCF was under its Nitrogen Permit (178 lbs.) in December by 34 lbs., with total lbs 144 lbs. respectively. The fermentation tank continues to perform well and will continue to help monthly nitrogen totals decrease with the production of additional VFA's/BOD. 2. JKB Consulting finalized the SWPPP in January 2020. This new permit is now in effect 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 on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with both towns present. Farmington and Avon WPCF personnel have been meeting at the meter vault monthly (weather depending) to check and verify operation.

# **WPCF Safety Initiatives**

- 1. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Santo Manicone held a Confined Space training class with plant personnel and the Uconn Fire Department.
- 2. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 Town's OSHA consulting services and help to streamline our safety program.

# Plan Reviews/Approvals

- A. Lot 8517& 8518 TPZ Application. The plan is for a proposed 25-Lot cluster subdivision. Plan proposes to connect to the existing sanitary sewer mainline in Morea Road.
- G. <u>Unfinished Business</u>
- H. Public Correspondence

#### I. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE AUTHORITY

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the January 11th, 2023 WPCA in Person & Online Meeting

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

Voted: To adjourn at 7:27 P.M.

**Motion Passed** 

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Batorski, Superintendent
Water Pollution Control Facility
Cc:
WPCA Members, email
Town Council Members, email
Devon Aldave, email
Tax Collector, email
Town Clerk, email
Bruce Cyr, email
Everbridge