



**FARMINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 8th, 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 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday February 8th, 2023.

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

**Members Attending Remotely (Zoom):** Jennifer Wynn

**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 January 11th, 2023 meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the Minutes of the Wednesday January 11th, 2023 meeting.

**Motion Passed**

**E. ORAL PETITIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**None**

**F. COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS**

- D. WPCF Monthly Operating Report Summary January 2023. 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 2023 – 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. All State Pump Station**

1. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, operators and maintenance installed a new blower motor for the ventilation fan at the All-State Pump Station.

#### **B. Pequabuck Pump Station**

1. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, operators installed a new UPS at the Pequabuck Pump Station. This provides backup power to the I & C controls in the event of a power outage.

#### **C. Tunxis Pump Stations**

1. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, operators and maintenance replaced the block heater on the generator at the Tunxis pump station.

#### **D. Hyde Road Pump Station**

1. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, operators and maintenance met CNG at the Hyde Road Pump Station after smelling gas. A small leak was detected on the union outside the generator, the union was replaced, and the leak was fixed.

#### **E. Snowberry Pump Station**

1. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, a new plug was installed on the Snowberry generator after a small leak was detected.

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

1. In the month of January, WPCF personnel jetted Basswood Road, Berrywood, Deepwood Drive, Knollwood Road, Ledgewood Drive, Tallwood & Tanglewood Drive.
2. In the month of January, WPCF assisted Highway in cleaning and Vac'ing the storm line on Coppermine Road at the Butternut Drive intersection. Upon clearing out the inlet and removing dirt and debris, it was discovered the line is collapsed about 20 feet in. Highway and Grounds are working to cut and replace the section of collapsed corrugated metal pipe.
3. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, operators jetted and Vac'd the Starbucks Plaza to the River Siphon. This area has very little pitch in the line and is jetted several times a year.
4. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, operators jetted the Stop & Shop Plaza and Unionville Center.
5. WPCF personnel continued to camera and look for problem areas in sewer and storm drain lines. In the month of January, operators used the camera to inspect Butternut Drive and Twin Ponds storm lines.
6. Throughout the month of January, operators continued to inspect ROWs. Route 4 to high street/Hillstead, Timberline Drive to Farmington Avenue, Irving Robbins to Patrick Flood, and Farm Path to Mountain Spring Road were all inspected. Bridgehampton ROW continues to be worked on throughout the winter.
7. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, operators inspected and pumped out all electrical manholes at the plant. This is typically done monthly or after high rain events.
2. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, operators and maintenance pulled waste pump #2 after noticing vibration and grinding from the bearings. Waste pump #1 was put online while the second pump is out for repairs.
3. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, plant maintenance and operations cleaned the injector and paddle wheel on the polymer system for dewatering. A new injector and assembly were ordered as a critical spare.
4. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the effluent pumps #1, #2 & #3 were all run and exercised.
5. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, WPCF maintenance completed pulling the UVs, inspecting bulbs, cleaning systems and fluids. They are ready to be put back online in late March for disinfection season starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, operators and maintenance opened transfer pumps #1 and #2 to inspect and clean the lobes. The pumps were also exercised during this time.

7. On January 27th, maintenance and operations replaced the hinge joints on the rear door of the Vac Con. These assist as part of the rear locking mechanism when the truck is in use.
8. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, operators shut off and drained the spray lines for the final clarifiers in preparation for cold temperatures.

### **CT DEEP Updates**

#### **Plant Upgrade**

1. The Farmington WPCF was under its Nitrogen Permit (178 lbs.) in January by 22 lbs., with total lbs 156 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 scheduled to be 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. New Business**

1. The Authority set the Legal notice date for the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 WPCF Budget and Sewer Assessments for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and have a Public Hearing scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room.

**Motion:** To set the Public Hearing for the WPCF 2023-2034 Budget for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

After a lengthy discussion, the Authority unanimously agreed to a 4.75% increase for the 2023-2024 budget.

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

**Voted:** Unanimously to recommend the 2023-2024 WPCA budget with a 4.75% increase for Public Hearing at the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 WPCA Meeting.

#### H. Public Correspondence

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

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the February 8th, 2023 WPCA in Person and Online Meeting

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

**Voted:** To adjourn at 7:21 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