



FARMINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8th, 2023
Farmington WPCF, 1 Westerberg Drive & Online Meeting (Covid-19)

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman James Foote called the Public Hearing to order at 7:06 PM for the 2023-2024 Sewer Operating Budget and the 2023-2024 Residential Sanitary Sewer Assessments. WPCA secretary Philip Cordeiro read the legal notice that stated the rates for the Sewer Operating Budget reflect a 4.75% over the 2022-2023 rates. The residential sanitary assessment for 2023-2024 will also reflect a 4.75% increase.

Motion: To approve the 2023-2024 Sewer Operating Budget and 2023-2024 Residential Sanitary Sewer assessment.

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

Voted: Unanimously to accept the motion.

Motion Passed

Chairman James Foote closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

B. REGULAR MEETING

Chairman James Foote called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday March 8th, 2023.

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

Members Attending Remotely (Zoom): N/A

WPCF Staff Present: Mark Batorski, WPCF Superintendent

Also Attending: Vanessa Rodrigue (Owner 1500 Farmington Avenue), Farmington Valley Health District.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Motion: To move New Business (plans for a lateral connection to public sewer at 1500 Farmington Avenue) to Regular Meeting.

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

Voted: To move New Business (plans for a lateral connection to public sewer at 1500 Farmington Avenue) to Regular Meeting.

Motion Passed

The Authority reviewed plans for a lateral connection to public sewer at 1500 Farmington Avenue. The existing septic tank and leach field need to be replaced and soil testing does not support a code complying subsurface sewage disposal system. In addition, a substantial portion of the referenced property is within State of Connecticut defined wetlands. Due to these supporting reasons, a request to connect to public sewer through easement to Arwood Road was recommended.

Motion: To approve the request for a lateral connection to public sewer at 1500 Farmington Avenue to Arwood Road.

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

Voted: To approve the request as presented at the March 8th, 2023 meeting.

Motion Passed

D. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 meeting.

Motion Passed

E. ORAL PETITIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

F. COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

- D. WPCF Monthly Operating Report Summary February 2023. Mark Batorski informed the Authority that operations met all monthly regulatory requirements.

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

1. Current report dated February 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. Snowberry Pump Station

1. On February 21st, WPCF operators and maintenance pulled pump #2 at the Snowberry pump station. Rags and debris were pulled from the pump; it was noted the wet well was also full of debris. Operators cleaned the wet well with the Vac truck sucking out property stakes, sticks, and grease.

B. South Road Pump Station

1. On February 24th, operators pulled pump #1 at the South Road pump station after receiving an alarm for high current on pump #1. Rags and debris were removed, and the pump was put back in service.

C. Batterson, Devonwood, Stanley Stations

1. On February 25th, operators installed new batteries for the generators at Batterson Park, Devonwood and Stanley pump stations.

D. Stanley Pump Station

1. On February 27th, operators began preventative maintenance at the Stanley pump station. This includes new radiator hoses, thermostat, block heater, and serpentine belt.

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

1. In the month of February, WPCF personnel jetted Arwood Road, Birchwood Road, Briarwood Road, Merriman Street, Rosewood Road, Sanford Avenue, Stream Court, and Sylvan Avenue.
2. In the month of February, WPCF assisted Highway in cleaning and Vac'ing the storm line on Elon Road. It was noted that the discharge

side ground elevation is higher than the suction. Highway will be using the mini excavator to dig out a small area to assist in draining.

3. On February 1st, plant operators jetted the septic tank at the Westwood's Golf Course.
4. On February 12th, operators responded to a backup on Stream Court. The area is private, however, the WPCF assisted in jetting the cul-de-sac to clear the blockage.
5. On February 18th, operators responded to a blockage at 4 Birchwood Drive. The line was jetted and cleaned.
6. Throughout the month of February, operators continued to inspect ROWs, including Patrick Flood ROW and the Birchwood ROW.
7. In the month of February, operators worked with Highway cleaning out storm drains and using the sewer camera to help identify problem areas.

WPCF Repairs and Upgrades

1. On February 6th, operators and maintenance began the wiper repair on dewatering press #1.
2. On February 7th, WPCF maintenance discovered and repaired a vacuum leak on the Vac truck. Dewatering Press #1 repair work was also completed.
3. On February 8th, plant operators and electrician replaced the UPS units on the blower panels. These provide battery backup in case of a power failure.
4. On February 20th, ECS replaced the media in odor control units #1, and #4 which provide control to the Headworks and solids storage tanks.
5. On February 24th, WPCF maintenance replaced the air control differential lock on the Vac truck.
6. On February 27th, plant operators and maintenance cleaned the injector and paddle wheels on the polymer system. Plant management will be jar testing new polymers for efficiency and cost.
7. On February 28th, plant maintenance fabricated a winch system for pulling in dewatering press auger for wiper repairs. This will assist in bi-annual wiper replacement and maintenance.

CT DEEP Updates

Plant Upgrade

1. The Farmington WPCF was under its Nitrogen Permit (178 lbs.) in February by 32 lbs., with total 146 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 for calibration by the manufacturer's representative on June 10th, 2022, with both towns present. Farmington and Avon WPCF personnel have been meeting at the meter vault monthly (weather permitting) to check and verify operation.

WPCF Safety Initiatives

1. On March 3rd, WPCF and Highway participated in Forklift training with Santo Manicone.
2. On March 29, 2022, Santo Manicone worked with plant management to update the Confined Space Program. These changes 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. Public Correspondence

H. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE AUTHORITY

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voted: To adjourn at 7:32 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