



FARMINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13th, 2024
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 November 13th, 2024.

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

Members Attending Remotely (Zoom): N/A.

WPCF Staff Present: Mark Batorski, WPCF Superintendent.

Others Present: Amina Alrahani, Patricia Karczewski (Farmington High School)

C. NEW BUSINESS

D. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the October 9th, 2024 meeting.

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

Voted: To accept the Minutes of the Wednesday October 9th, 2024 meeting.

Motion Passed

E. ORAL PETITIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

F. COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

D. WPCF Monthly Operating Report Summary October 2024. 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 October 2024 – Mark Batorski WPCF Superintendent briefed the Authority on the following projects:

Private Sewer Construction

1. Yorkshire Condominiums:

1. Developers Sewer Permit Agreement for Phase 2 and payment have been received. Work continues as necessary.
2. Main line has been completed; developer is making connections to buildings as they are being built.

2. Dominique's Court

1. Work has started on the construction of the sewer mainline of Dominique's Court.
2. Contractor to resume work and will extend from sewer main to last remaining lots this year.

3. LeJardin Way

1. Installed the main line and laterals throughout the development.
2. Working on inverts and testing the system.
3. System has passed all testing requirements, connections to homes remain.

4. **80 South Road**

1. Both laterals have been installed; waiting on the inverts to be completed in existing manholes.

Public Sewer Construction & Repair

1. None

Sewer Pump Station Construction and Repairs

A. UConn Pump Station

1. On October 2nd, operators and maintenance installed pump #2 at the UConn pump station, which was the rebuilt Homa pump. A new pump is also on order to replace the last KSB (original) pump.

B. Tunxis Village Pump Station

1. On October 29th, operators stripped and began replacing the roof at the Tunxis Village pump station. The roof is over 30 years old and is being replaced along with the roof at Harlan Road. The roof was completed on October 31st.

C. Snowberry Park Pump Station

1. On October 22nd, operators pulled pump #1 at the Snowberry pump station. A large ball of rags was found. After removing, the pump was reinstalled and ran without incident.

D. Harlan Road Pump Stations

1. On October 31st, operators began to work on the Harlan Road pump station roof. New insulation will also be installed; a dumpster was ordered to help with disposal of all debris.

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

1. In the month of October, WPCF personnel jetted Garden Street, Pearl Street, Maiden Lane, Maple Street, and Meadow.
2. In the month of October, WPCF assisted Highway in cleaning and Vac'ing storm drains.

3. On October 6th, WPCF personnel received a call from the Unionville Museum about a possible backup. Upon arriving, it was discovered a plumber had left the cleanout off and roots were in the lateral.
4. On October 15th, WPCF personnel and maintenance installed a new whip it and 100 ft. of hose on the Vac Con. This will allow longer jets and increased cleaning.
5. On October 30th, WPCF personnel assisted Highway with the fountain installation on Rails to Trails.
6. Throughout the month of October, operators continued to inspect ROWs.

WPCF Repairs and Upgrades

1. On October 8th, operators and maintenance installed a new breather on the primary #1 gear box. It was noted the original had begun leaking over several days.
2. On October 10th, maintenance and the electrician installed the new reactor on RAS pump #4. This replaced the original one which had failed previously.
3. On October 18th, a new UPS battery was installed in the maintenance garage. WPCF personnel proactively replaces these every 2-3 years.
4. On October 19th, WPCF maintenance installed new gas straps for the fuel tank on the F250. Suspension parts and spark plugs are currently being installed.
5. On October 21st, operators began cleaning out the PAC tanks. These are proactively cleaned every couple of years as sediment can build up on the bottom.
6. On October 24th, odor control units #1, 3, and 4 were greased and inspected before winter. New 90-degree fiberglass caps are being fabricated to help keep water out of the stacks. The water compacts the media and decreases the lifespan of the media.
7. On October 31st, the UVs ran their last day for the season. These were shut off on November 1st. Operators and maintenance will begin cleaning, inspecting and winterizing in preparation for startup on April 1st, 2025.

CT DEEP Updates

Plant Upgrade

1. The Farmington WPCF was under its Nitrogen Permit (178 lbs.) in October by 68.25 lbs., with total lbs. of 109.75 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 and Crocus flow meters were calibrated on May 23rd, 2024, 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. All Operators received required OSHA training for Bloodborne Pathogens and Crane/hoist operation. We are inspecting eye wash stations, fire extinguishers, exit signs, bottle jacks and stands, and have scheduled inspections of chain falls and lifts. They also resolved some of the lighting issues with the parking lot and lighting around tanks by trying to reprogram the controllers.
2. Operators resolved some of the lighting issues with the parking lot and lighting around tanks by trying to reprogram the controllers.
3. On October 11th, Santo Manicone held DOT trailer and welding and blazing training for all WPCF and Highway personnel .
4. On April 5, 2023, Santo Manicone held Chainsaw Safety and General Classroom training for all WPCF and Highway personnel
5. On March 29, 2022, 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. 8556 New Britian Avenue – TPZ Application. The proposed “Contractor Storage” facility will house 22 spaces for various trades to occupy. There are some restrictions on use/activities that include no vehicle maintenance, no vehicle washing, no interior floor drains, and no outside storage.

G. Public Correspondence

H. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE AUTHORITY

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn November 13th, 2024, WPCA in Person and Online Meeting

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

Voted: To adjourn at 7:41 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