

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY SANITARY SEWER REGULATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
TOWN HALL, 85 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.**

Present

Matthew Bowman, Committee Chairman; Thomas Scannell, John Perrotti (7 p.m.)

Absent: Steve Carroll, Ken Cianci, James Sima, James Urbano.

Staff: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer.

Mr. Bowman called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag

2. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

**3. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF WPCA SANITARY SEWER
REGULATIONS.**

The committee briefly discussed the CGS Chapter 103, and questioned whether it has been amended since 1958. Mr. Gancarz will research this and provide the committee with a copy of the statute.

Mr. Scannell asked about the prison/Dept. of Corrections (DOC) paying its share of the plant upgrade.

Mr. Gancarz explained that there is an agreement between the Town of Cheshire and the DOC. Therefore, nothing can be included in the regulations about the prison because everything is in this agreement. The State increased the prison facilities in Cheshire, agreeing to pay for everything and for a smooth transition. The Town fought the DOC and got nothing from the State for the plant upgrade costs. Part of the litigation was to form a new agreement between the Town and DOC but it never happened.

SANITARY SEWER REGULATIONS (recommended changes in bold type)

1.0 DEFINITIONS – Page 3

1.10 – Combined Sewer – discussed but no change.

1.48 – Storm Sewer or Storm Drain – concerns about redefinition.

1.56 – Water Pollution Control Authority – question - is the Authority also a “Commission”.

1.57- Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) should be “**Plant**” (**WPCP**).

2.0 USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS – Page 9

2.1 (line 5) – delete “or combined sewer”. In discussing this section of the regulations, Mr. Gancarz noted there are 10 Waterbury properties and 2 or 3 Wallingford properties connected to the Cheshire sewer system.

2.2 – The committee discussed this section, and removal of the first sentence. There can be septic system repairs and residents not connecting to the sewer system. This is at the discretion of the WPCA; there can be reference to a hardship; Mr. Gancarz will rewrite the language for this section.

3.0 BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS

3.3 and 3.4 – these sections should also include wording “and shall also comply with OSHA standards”.

3.6 (a) line #2 – Director **or** his agent.

3.6 (b) line #6 – The **Director** may apply any... line #7 - ...and the contractor **or** his plumber...

3.13 – line #5 to read...satisfactory to the Director of Public Works **or his agent**. Mr. Bowman suggested a statement about OSHA be included in this section.

3.14 – line #5 to read...by the Commissioner, **State Regulations or Department of Health**. There should be reference to the State code in section 3.14.

3.15 (a) – the bond amount should be increased to “Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

3.15(b) – increase the Certificate of Insurance by Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000); property damage amount increase to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

3.16 – Mr. Gancarz will check on approvals by the Director of Public Works and/or Chesprocott.

4.0 DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS

4.3 - Mr. Gancarz will check on the Categorical Pretreatment Standards and inform the committee; (a) WPCF should read “**WPCP**”.

4.3 (c) – line #1 – Any sewerage having a pH **lower** than 5.5....

4.4 (b) – Mr. Gancarz noted that Chesprocott is taking the lead on these materials, and wording to this effect should be included in this section. This could also be the section in which to include a statement about “oil separators” (get language from Chesprocott).

4.4 (c) – Any garbage that has not **been** properly...

4.6 – line # 4 – should it read Commission or Authority?

Add: **(d) Town could impose a sewer treatment charge.**

4.6 (a) and 4.7 – use “Commission” or “Authority” (?)

4.16 (a) line #5 – correction to spelling of **future**.

4.18 – line # 4 – change fee amount to **\$100.00 shall be charged or rate modified by the Authority...** Mr. Gancarz will check on charges imposed by other towns.

5.0 FEES

Mr. Gancarz said that fees are an issue to be discussed by the WPCA. He talked about concerns with a residential flat rate, and commercial rates based on water usage reported by the RWA. The prison is only charged by a flow meter, but the regulations do not state this fact, and it should be memorialized in the regulations. He cited an example...a flow of more than 100,000 gallons should have a sewer meter installed.

An excerpt from the Town of Wallingford regulations was distributed and reviewed. The committee discussed exceptions 2, 3 and 4. They said that in some cases Cheshire should require a sewer meter, owned and maintained by the property owner. There should be some clarification on the requirements of a sewer meter and charges passed on these rates at a commercial rate. In Cheshire, there are some properties, based on history, have a second meter for their irrigation...and this amount is subtracted from their sewer bill. According to Mr. Gancarz there should be something in the regulations about approval to install a second meter. He will draft the appropriate language.

6.0 PROTECTION FROM DAMAGES

6.1 – line #2...structure, appurtenance or...

6.2 – line #6 – including attorney’s **fees** that...

With regard to sump pumps, they would be included in what is allowed in Section 4.1 or 4.2. Sump pumps are specifically prohibited from discharging. Mr. Bowman would want this also included on page 25.

9.0 PENALTIES

9.2 – line #2 correction...provided shall **be** fined...

The committee discussed “fines” and agreed they should be defined and written into the regulations, i.e. \$100 per day to a maximum amount of \$10,000.” The fines should be

cited for residential and commercial properties. Mr. Gancarz will draft language about fines.

10.0 SEVERABILITY

10.1 – the committee agreed this section of the regulations should be reviewed by the Town Attorney.

11.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

11.1 – the date and time to be determined upon completion of the regulations review.

AMENDMENTS

Page 31 – 3.8 (c) – last line should state “with the approval of the Water Pollution Control Authority”.

The committee discussed “feasibility” approval by the WPCA and not the Town Engineer. Mr. Perrotti recommended the Authority members look at the charge of the Authority and Town Engineer (in the Town Charter). Mr. Gancarz stated the feasibility approval should be with the WPCA.

Page 32 – 12.2 (B) line #3...correct to read...The WPCA, **by** using final...

12.3 – This is old language, proven to be ineffective. It has been learned that a map can be amended, passed by the WPCA, and then acceptance of the application. An application comes to the Town Engineer who deems it complete or incomplete.

The committee talked about going by the Facilities Plan, and said the treatment plant size is based on a certain amount of sewer service areas, and connections within the next 20 years.

12.4 A - delete “consulting engineers”.

12.4 E – The committee discussed final approval which allows getting a permit and then connecting. The verbiage should state that “a fee should be paid”...

12.5 /12.6/12.7 – The committee said the regulations should coincide with a five (5) year approval, the same as the PZC approval time limit.

Mr. Bowman stated the review of the regulations would conclude for this meeting as of page 35. The committee will schedule another meeting to complete the review process.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bowman adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk