

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE (PER EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR
OF CONNECTICUT)**

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Present

John Perrotti, Chairman; Steve Carroll, Vice Chairman; Jason Beach, Tom Scannell, James Urbano

Absent: Abdul Abdelghani, Zack Wellburn

Staff: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Perrotti called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. McBain called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

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1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gancarz reported on a communication regarding 125 Main Street. The house is being converted from a single family dwelling into a professional law office. The house is connected to the sewer system, and with an office the flows are projected to be lower. The conversion received an administrative approval and the property will switch from a single family residence rate to the commercial rate.

2. APPLICATIONS

None.

3. PROJECTS

None.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gancarz read a brief report from Supt. Hallier into the record. The plant is running well; there are higher flows due to the recent rains and people being more at home; phosphorous removal and UV systems are up and running; pump stations are in good shape; things at the plant are getting back to normal; all staff is back and at work.

Regarding flows, Mr. Gancarz noted that schools are closed. CHS and Dodd have the most flows.

5. TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Town Council is voting on an operating budget this week. Mr. Gancarz noted there are two impacts to WPCA...the request for the 40 hours per week for the Electrician and hiring a new Town Engineer. Mr. Gancarz leaves town employment on June 30th, and said there should be a full time or four-day a week Town Engineer; the job needs to be done; and it helps with grants and in-house work. He believes the position allocation is about \$40,000 to \$45,000 annual salary. If an engineer is not hired, the Town will need an engineering consultant.

Mr. Carroll watched some of the Town Council budget meetings with significant discussion on the WPCA...the Electrician position and hiring a Town Engineer. He spoke with Councilor Slocum and explained that the treatment plan is the most complex piece of equipment in Cheshire, with cuts made a few years ago. We now even have the Electrician driving a sludge truck to Waterbury. In their discussion, Mr. Slocum said Council could be leaning towards a four-day a week Town Engineer, but he was unsure about the Electrician position going to 40 hours a week. Mr. Carroll said he told Mr. Slocum that the Council should be careful because the treatment plant staffing is as thin as it could possibly be.

In that regard, Mr. Gancarz noted that he, Supt. Dievert and Town Manager Milone prepared all the documentation for the DOC situation...it took lots of time for this work. Over his 7 years as Town Engineer, Mr. Gancarz said the Town received \$17M in grant funds. His hope is for a four-day a week employee as this is what is needed.

The next meeting of the WPCA is June 24th and Chairman Perrotti said plans will be made to recognize Mr. Gancarz for his services as Town Engineer.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

Calvary Life Church – Vice Chairman Carroll requested that this issue (Church and RWA) be on the WPCA agenda under Old Business pending future review and decision.

Sump Pump Committee - Mr. Carroll, Mr. Beach and Mr. Scannell are the members of this committee. Mr. Carroll hopes the committee can meet, face to face, to discuss sump pump issues.

Mr. Gancarz has some sump pump files which he will scan and forward to the committee members.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 23, 2020

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Carroll

MOVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2020 subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

Correction: The meeting heading should read "**April 23, 2020 VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE (PER EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT)**"

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Before adjournment, Mr. Carroll asked who would be handling communications, in the interim, until a new Town Engineer is hired.

In reply, Mr. Gancarz said he would be assisting staff, if needed.

WPCA meetings will continue to be virtual/Zoom meetings until the end of June.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Beach.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk