

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 IN COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE, CT 06410**

Present

John Perrotti, Chairman, Steve Carroll, Vice Chairman, Tom Scannell, Aboud Abdelghani, Jason Beach, Zack Wellburn

Absent

James Urbano

Others Present

Chris Pierce, Wright & Pierce
Anthony Fazzone, Fazzone & Ricciuti

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Perrotti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Perrotti opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., read the legal notice and explained the Public Hearing procedures and agenda.

The matter to be discussed is the proposed sewer rates for 2020-2021. No one from the public was in attendance or participating virtually.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

2. REGULAR MEETING

A. Public Communications

There were no communications from the public.

B. Applications

1. Tuttle Avenue and Cook Hill Road - Lauren A. and Earl J. Kurtz, Jr.

Attorney Anthony Fazzino was present to informally discuss an application that has not been reviewed by the Town engineers, Wright Pierce. The application is for a residential tie-in to the Wallingford sewer. Mr. Fazzino stated discussions with Wallingford have begun on this proposal. Conceptually, there don't seem to be any issues. There was an informal discussion. This matter will be formally heard at the December meeting.

C. Projects

There was no discussion.

D. Superintendent's Report

There was no discussion.

E. Engineering Report

Chris Pierce from Wright Pierce stated a preliminary review of two potential applications is currently being done. No formal applications have been filed yet.

F. New Business

1. **Action on 2021 Sewer Rate**

Mr. Perrotti stated an increase of \$5.00 per year for residents was proposed, increasing the rate for 2021 to \$430.00. After much consideration, the WPCA decided although \$5.00 is not a bid increase for residential customers, the commercial users will suffer a bigger impact. Mr. Perrotti stated given the year 2020 has been, no increase seems appropriate at this time.

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Abdelghani.

MOVED for the WPCA to set the 2021 sewer rate at \$425.00 and commercial and CCI rates accordingly.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by all those voting and present.

2. **Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates**

Mr. Perrotti stated the WPCA currently meets on the third Wednesday of the month, which conflicts with Marilyn Milton's availability. After a brief discussion, the WPCA decided to move the meetings to Thursdays to accommodate Marilyn Milton.

MOTION by Mr. Perrotti; seconded by Mr. Scannell

MOVED that the WPCA move their regular monthly meeting to Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. effective January 28, 2021 as proposed in the packet.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by all those voting and present.

3. Reappointments

MOTION by Mr. Perrotti; seconded by Mr. Scannell

MOVED that the WPCA add the matter of reappointments to the agenda for discussion.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by all those voting and present.

Mr. Perrotti stated Mr. Carroll, Mr. Scannell and Mr. Abdelghani are up for reappointment on January 31, 2021. Mr. Carroll, Mr. Scannell and Mr. Andelghani all expressed interest in continuing as members of the WPCA.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Calvary Life Church

A copy of the Town Engineer's letter to Calvary Life Church was included in the packet.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes from the October 21, 2020 regular meeting

MOTION by Mr. Perrotti; seconded by Mr. Scannell.

MOVED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 21, 2020 with the following corrections, additions and deletions.

Page 1 - delete "Others Present Dawn Guite..."; correct the spelling of Scott **Hallier's** name.

Page 2 - #7 - New Business - delete note to "John" in its entirety.

Page 3 - WPCD Control Fund Budget - delete note "Please note that I did not repeat..."

Page 3 - CCI; amend line #2 to read "...September and October numbers did not affect the projected sewer rate...". Delete the last line in its entirety.

Page 3 - #8 Old Business - delete "MOTION by Mr. Dievert Jr..."; revise to read "MOTION by Mr. Perrotti...". Note: Mr. Dievert is not a WPCA member and cannot undertake any action on business before the WPCA.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Carroll.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by all those voting and present.

Mr. Perrotti noted that the next few meetings will likely be via Zoom. It was agreed the meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Attest:

Karen M. Gill, Clerk