

**Cheshire WPCA Special Meeting**

**July 9, 2014 held at 7 AM**

**Room 210, Town Hall**

Members Present: Chairman Tim Pelton, Tom Scannell, and John Perrotti.

Member Absent: Matt Bowman, Steve Carroll, Ken Cianci and Mark Kasinskas

Staff: Town Engineer Walt Gancarz, Plant Supervisor Dennis Dievert

Public: None

Chairman Pelton called the meeting to order at 7 AM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was not a quorum of WPCA members present. No motions were made or acted upon.

Chairman Pelton outlined the protocol should an emergency evacuation of the town hall be required.

WS Development

The following needs/issues were identified and discussed as elements to review in the pending WS application:

- Heat treating on the exposed portions of the force main
- Insulation on the exposed portions of the force main
- Heat treating malfunction alarms connected to the WWTP
- Manual air vent valve installed at the highest elevation of the force main
- Odorant controls installed in the pump station
- Sewer usage fee would be based on metered discharge at the pump station
- Town would own the discharge meter
- Reading the meter needs to be readily accessible to WWTP staff
- The WS sewer system will be a private sewer built to Town specs and maintained by WS
- Should another entity connect to the WS sewer system at some point in the future, the Town reserves the right to take over the WS sewer system

and make it part of the Town's public sewer system. The purchase price will be one dollar.

Of greatest concern was legal preparation and review of the WS Developer Agreement. Long term WPCA attorney Andrew Lord has resigned from Murtha Cullina to go into private practice. Based on Atty Lord's experience with both the WPCA and the evolution of the WS project, the Town will explore entering into a consultative agreement for this one review to keep the WS application process moving forward.

### Plant Construction

PCB removal in the digester building is progressing well. Additional quotes for remediation of the other two structures have yet to be received and remain a work in progress. Final EPA approval on the encapsulation procedure has yet to be received.

The claim against Synagro for extraneous materials entering the flow at the plant is ongoing.

Overall construction remains on track.

Status and timeline regarding construction of the proposed cell tower at the plant is unconfirmed.

A recommendation was made that the August bi-weekly meeting be held at the plant followed by a tour of the site.

### I/I Studies

Walter presented some preliminary data of flow data captured earlier this year and further analysis of that data will allow the WPCA to focus on targeted areas in Town to institute the sump remediation program.

### Sump Pump Committee

With review of the WS Development approaching final analysis and the construction at the WWTP up and running on schedule, it is time to focus on a sump pump remediation plan. Initial tasks to look at include:

1. Closer analysis of the new flow data.
2. Creation of an amnesty programs to examine basements.

3. Developing an ordinance that allows WWTP staff to examine the basement of any homes being sold/transferred and to require any improperly installed sump pumps be corrected as part of the sale.
4. When/If any of the DOC back billing payments are made to the Town, a small portion of those funds should be set aside to assist homeowners to resolving improperly installed sump pumps.

General Information

Janet Ray has replaced Stephanie Dunn as the WPCA support person.

Submitted by:

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Chairman  
July 10, 2014