

Meeting of the WPCA Sump Pump Sub-committee
Wednesday, March 30, 2016 – Town Hall – Rm. 210

Present: Steve Carroll, Matt Bowman, Jim Sima (7:15), Town Engineer Walter Gancarz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Town Engineer Walter Gancarz shared data that is available from prior I&I studies, including flows for one month periods in 2013 and 2014, as measured by flow meters through the 9 pump stations. It is generally agreed that there does not appear to be any significant inflow issues in the north end of town and that the primary area of inflow occurs in the western half of town (generally north of West Main St extending all the way to the south end of town). All of the flow from this area routes through the Elmwood Dr. pump station.

Further, the town has a detailed map showing the number of sump pumps (self-reported in the last property revaluation) throughout the town, with a high concentration of sump pumps in the center of town along West Main St. which, if illegally hooked to the sanitary sewer system would all route through the Elmwood pump station.

It was suggested that the committee attempt to estimate the annual cost of treating illegal inflow. Mr. Gancarz will quantify this and report back next meeting.

It was asked if there were any funds available for addressing the inflow problem. Mr. Gancarz stated that he thought there were funds available for study purpose but which cannot be used to subsidize the cost of removal/repair to individual homeowners, He will report back as to what funds might be available next meeting.

It was asked if it is feasible for the Town to acquire its own flow meters and what the cost might be. Mr. Gancarz will investigate and report back next meeting,

Mr. Gancarz stated that one relatively simple approach would be to adopt a new ordinance, requiring all home sales to be subject to a sump pump inspection before the real estate transaction can be recorded. Inspection could be done by a licensed home inspector, licensed plumber, or staff member from the Town Engineers office.

Mr. Bowman suggested that perhaps an educational brochure concerning illegal sump pump connections could be developed and included with annual sewer bills.

Mr. Sima asked that the Town Engineer review any pertinent DEEP regulations that would impact a sump pump ordinance, should one be developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully,
Steve Carroll
