

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Present:

Mr. Robert Smith, Chairman
Mr. Ted Mannello
Mr. Paul Phillips

Absent:

Ms. Noa Miller
Mr. Daniel Civitello

Also in attendance:

Mr. Michael Angieri, Consulting Engineer
Mr. Kenneth Long, WPCA Employee
Attorney Michael McVerry, Representing proposed Benson Rd Funeral Home and Crematory
Mr. Brian Baker, Civil One Engineering
Attorney Jennifer Yoxall, WPCA Counsel
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Barone, 30 Ferndale Ave.
Mr. Tony DeLuca, 6 Dogwood Court
Ms. Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Robert Smith called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Approval of November 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Ted Mannello and seconded by Mr. Paul Phillips to accept the meeting minutes of November 17, 2015, as is. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

3. Old and New Business:

a) Michelle & Steve Barone Re: 19 Ferndale Ave (4-08-18) Sewer Avoid Area:

Michelle and Steve Barone approached the WPCA with a request for permission to make a connection from the property they recently purchased at 19 Ferndale Ave. This property was placed in the sewer avoidance area when the remainder of the street was connected to the sewers, likely because it did not have a house on the property. Mr. and Mrs. Barone would like to build a home on the property but would need a connection to the sewer to proceed.

Mr. Smith indicated that this property was intended to be sewerred and the WPCA will approve a connection for this property so the Barone's can proceed with the process of obtaining permits. Mr. Michael Angieri advised the property owners to seek the services of an engineer

and have survey work done since the property may need a pump to connect rather than a gravity feed connection.

3. Old and New Business (continued):

b) Attorney McVerry re: Proposed Funeral Home & Crematory, Benson Rd. (7-02-008) – Capacity Application:

Attorney Michael McVerry, representing Albin Funeral Home, approached the WPCA to request approval for capacity for a proposed funeral home and crematory on Benson Rd. Mr. Brian Baker of Civil One Engineering answered questions regarding the proposed development of this property. Based on sewer usage at the Albin's other location in Waterbury, they estimate a usage of 462 gallons per day.

Mr. Angieri recommended a capacity of 1000 gallons per day and indicated the connection must be made at the manhole cover not through the asbestos pipe. Mr. Angieri requested survey work be done and further details be provided on the inverts and specific plans to insure the connection is done in accordance with the WPCA requirements.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mannello to approve the capacity application for 1000 gallons per day, subject to approval by Mr. Angieri, WPCA engineer, and an assessment of \$1 per square foot. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

c) Ridgewood Residents re: Sewer User Fees:

Mr. Tony DeLuca, acting in his role as the president of the Ridgewood Homeowners Association, approached the WPCA on behalf of a number of concerned Ridgewood residents regarding the recent increase in sewer user fees. Mr. Smith explained the reasoning behind the increase and how the user fees are determined. Mr. DeLuca asked if there is a difference for condos versus houses but was told that both residential property types are assessed the same.

d) Overview of Sewer User Rates:

Mr. Smith reported that a review of the user fees versus expenses at this time indicates the WPCA will have the appropriate amount of money in the capital reserve account at the end of the year to prepare for anticipated capital improvements. Therefore, no reduction in the rates is called for at this time.

e) WPCA's contract with Naugatuck:

There was nothing new on this matter.

f) Monthly Expenses:

The bills were distributed for review and signed by the Chairman for payment.

4. Staff Discussions:

A and B. Pump Stations - station upgrade project and Collection System:

Mr. Kenneth Long reports that the new check valve for the Southford Rd pump station has been received and is planned to be installed by Nickerson in early February. Mr. Long reported that a recently repaired gasket at one of the older pump stations is leaking again. There was discussion about the needing to replace the older pump stations in the near future and that Milone and MacBroom will provide a rough estimate for the cost before the next meeting. Mr. Long reports the new pump stations are working well and maintenance costs will be reviewed as the WPCA employees can perform some of the required maintenance.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve a 50% reduction of the user fees for churches to \$75 per 1000 square foot. A letter will be sent to the churches to clarify what the remaining balance owed, based on this reduction, or if the church is owed a credit. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

5. Adjournment of Meeting:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mannello to conclude the WPCA meeting at 8:25 p.m. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Del Vicario

Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk, December 17, 2015

cc: WPCA members
Board of Selectman
Edith Salisbury, Town Clerk
Directors of Health
Mike Angieri, P.E.
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