

# Water Pollution Control Authority

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

### Present:

Mr. Robert Smith, Chairman  
Mr. Daniel Civitello  
Mr. Paul Phillips

### Absent:

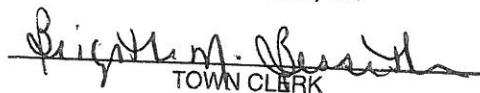
Mr. Ted Mannello  
Ms. Noa Miller

### Also in attendance:

Attorney Jennifer Yoxall, WPCA Counsel  
Mr. Jason Scozzafava, re: 1556 Straits Tpke  
Mr. Dave Theroux, re: Lots 317 and 121, Kelly Rd  
Mr. Ed Bailly, WPCA Employee  
Mr. George Caughman, Milone & MacBroom  
Ms. Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk

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### 1. Call to Order:

Mr. Robert Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

### 2. Acceptance of May 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Paul Phillips to accept the meeting minutes of May 18, 2021, as is. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

### 3. Old and New Business:

- a.) Jason Scozzafava re:1558 Straits Tpke, proposed animal hospital Capacity & Building Ser Appl. (5/27/21 \$500. Received):

Mr. Jason Scozzafava approached the WPCA regarding his property at 1556 Straits Tpke (Note: The agenda had indicated the wrong number for this property). Mr. Scozzafava reports he plans to convert this property from a residential property to a commercial property which will house an animal hospital. Mr. Scozzafava requested an extension for the required \$7,000 change of use fee. Mr. Smith noted the property is already connected to the sewer.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Daniel Civitello to approve a 5 year extension on the deadline for payment of the \$7,000 change of use fee. A notation will be made on the land records. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

**3. Old and New Business (continued):**

**Agenda Addition:**

Mr. David Theroux, re: Lots 317/121, Kelly Rd:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Phillips to add this item to the agenda. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. David Theroux presented the members with a document regarding the properties at 317 and 121, Kelly Rd. Mr. Theroux notes he has changed his request on the northern lot from 3 to 2 connections while he is still requesting 2 connections for the southern lot. In addition, Mr. Theroux requested consideration for the \$11,800 paid 50 years ago for one connection on the southern lot. Mr. Theroux also requested the capacity approval not be time limited.

Mr. Smith explained the reason for the time limit is the limited capacity availability in Middlebury which has led to a sewer avoidance plan. Mr. Smith reported that, because these lots were originally intended to be sewered, the WPCA is willing to remove the sewer avoidance designation from these lots.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Civitello to approve capacity for 2 building lots on the northern lot and 2 building lots on the southern lot with a time limit of 6 years. The sewer assessment fee will be required to be paid at the time the building permits are pulled. The price of the assessment will be the current rate at the time the building permits are pulled. The northern lot will be charged assessments for 2 connections and the southern lot will be charged for one assessment fee minus \$3,300 (a credit for the difference between the previously paid assessment and the current \$8,500 assessment fee). This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

b) WPCA Contract with Naugatuck:

There was nothing new on this matter.

c) West Shore Update:

There was nothing new on this matter.

d) Monthly Expenses:

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

**5. Staff Discussions:**

A and B. Pump Stations and Collection Systems:

Mr. George Caughman of Milone & MacBroom presented a revised final change order for the pump station upgrades. Mr. Caughman noted the project remains under budget by \$11,606.34.

Mr. Caughman reported on the status of the Benson Rd overpass construction including the planned closure of Benson Rd on 6/27/21.

Mr. Ed Bailly discussed the previous plans for a garage for WPCA use that proved to be too expensive. Mr. Bailly reports that the WPCA now has an option to enter into an arrangement to share a new, 6000 square foot garage being built by the town of Middlebury. The cost for the WPCA would be in the range that was previously planned while the space the WPCA would have available to them would be more than sufficient for the WPCA needs.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Civitello to approve the joint project with the town of Middlebury to build a garage with the WPCA contributing \$275,000 towards the cost. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Mr. Bailly suggested the WPCA consider purchasing a spare pump to be used when a pump needs to be removed for service.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the cancelation of the July and August, 2021 meetings of the WPCA. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

**6. Adjournment of Meeting:**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Civitello to conclude the WPCA meeting at 8:06 p.m. This motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Del Vicario*

Maureen Del Vicario, Recording Clerk, June 17, 2021

cc: WPCA members  
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