

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
COMMUNITY HOUSE,46 CHURCH STREET,BRANFORD,CT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

Chairman David Steinhardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Chairman David Steinhardt, Mike Tamsin, Chris DiAdamo, Yvette Larrieu,
Justin Rosetti

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Devlin, Attorney Peter Berdon, Dan LaBanca
Town Engineer John Hoefflerle

Absent: Kurt Uihlein

Approval of Minutes- 6/4/2024

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Chris DiAdamo and seconded by Mike Tamsin. Yvette Larrieu abstained. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. A letter from Attorney Crosby was discussed. Chairman Steinhardt summarized the letter, saying that Amazon was previously interested in this site and the flow rate at the site was problematic. The town was to do a smoke test and Acom stated we should not have any additional connections to the sewer system per a letter dated March 17.

Attorney Crosby said he was present to find out the status of the testing . he noted this is 21 acres off exit 53 and they are sitting there and nothing can be done with the properties because the flow study that was done near Walmart showed it couldn't handle the flow. A smoke test was recommended. He asked what the status of the test is and is it limited to the Montoya area. He thinks other commissions should also have this information . He asked where are we in the process of addressing this problem.

Dennis Setzko gave some comments.

John Hoefflerle (Town Engineer) noted a capacity study was approved by the WPCA and out of the results came the recommendation thru Acom to video camera the line from the railroad tracks to Indian Neck Avenue. He added that the results are not back from that video. He recommended smoke testing that will be done the end of September or October.

The commission had a lengthy discussion whether to enlarge the study area or not, and whether any new developments can be added to the parcel or not and if so, where.

Attorney Berdon gave a few comments. fi can't come to Branford.

Chairman Steinhardt spoke briefly and suggested moving money out of the budget to cover the cost of the testing and that it should start asap. Then they will hire Dennis Setzko to review the findings and make a recommendation. For the smoke testing, they will start with the Montoya area first then continue to other areas.

To consider, and if appropriate approve retaining the services of a consulting firm to act as project manager for I&I concerns, generally in the area north of the Amtrak tracks, within the Central Pump Station Sewer Shed.

The commission discussed this and decided to retain the services of a consulting firm.

A motion was made by Yvette Larrieu to approve and retain the services of a consulting firm to be the project manager for I & I concerns, generally in the area north of the Amtrak tracks, within the Sewer Shed Area.

Mike Tamsin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Sewer Access Applications

- a. **329 (aka 325) East Main Street:** Mixed -use development (Walgreens/old theater site)

John Hoefflerle (Town Engineer) explained this is the old Regal Cinema site where 172 residential units are proposed. The capacity study was approved. He noted that if the project is approved it would be subject to a sewer agreement.

Mike Tamsin made a motion to allow this project to hook up to the sewer subject to a sewer agreement.

Justin Rossetti seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- b. **56 Maple Street:** revision to previous approval/agreement – Addition of required bathroom facility to service the pool area.

Per John Hoefflerle, this is the Mariners Landing project which consists of 147 residential units and was approved in 2021. At that time, there was no provision for bathrooms.

Per the East Shore Health Dept., a bathroom is required for the pool area. The commission discussed this and asked a few questions.

Justin Rossetti made a motion to approve the connection of the bathhouse. Yvette Larrieu seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

c. **28 Kirkham Street:** two (2) two-family residential buildings.

John Lepre (property owner & builder) spoke and reviewed the site plans, explaining he was approved by the zoning board of appeals for 2 structures on the parcel. He discussed access to the manhole on the property and the sewer lines. He reviewed ways in which the manhole can be accessed.

The commission had a brief discussion .

Attorney Berdon added some comments.

Mike Tamsin made a motion to approve access and subject to the property owner providing an easement acceptable to the Town Engineer to provide access to service the sewer main. Also, they are accepting the previous study dated March 27 from Acom.

Justin Rossetti seconded the motion which passed. Yvette Larrieu abstained.

Discussion:

Wastewater Infrastructure Climate Resiliency Subcommittee (cont.)

This item was Tabled.

Reports:

Superintendent Brain Devlin reviewed the Wastewater Treatment numbers:

In July 2024, sewage processed 3.2 AVG MGD, Septic Waste Processed 1,241,750 gallons, and Septic Revenues were \$80,656.25.

Plant Operations : He reported that the new mechanical bar screen unit number 2 still has issues with control cabinet . The company is sending a new cabinet.

The odor complaints from the housing complex next door to the plant have been addressed.

Maintenance was performed on UV channel. Reaeration blower motor #1 is offline due to bearing issue. The grounds of the facility are maintained weekly.

Collection System:

Clean & inspect pump stations weekly. Pumped out holding tanks weekly.

Maintained pump station grounds weekly. Replaced pump at Summer Island Pump Station.

Clean drain at Branford Point. Replaced wear ring and impeller on pump #3 at Damascus

Pump Station. Repaired coolant hose on generator at Cedar Street Pump Station. Replaced

brakes on crew cab truck. Changed oil and replaced serpentine belt and tensioner on road

crew pick up truck. Rebuilt suction pump on Peterbilt truck. Repaired blower fan on Ford

Escape. Replaced hydraulic hose on Bobcat Skid Steer loader. Jet 4046 ft camera 3155 ft.

Town Engineer- Nothing was discussed.

WPCA Attorney-

Attorney Peter Berdon noted that 245 East Main Street is closed out with 100% recovery and no loss to the town.

The sewer access agreement with the Pickleball courts on Commercial Pkwy are almost complete. They are closing on August 14. He noted that this project was previously approved by this board. He said there is a change in ownership which should be noted from 61 East Industrial LLC to TSC Realty LLC.

It was noted that this item needs to be added to the agenda before a motion is made.

Yvette Larrieu made a motion to add this item to the agenda.

Mike Tamsin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Then Yvette made a motion to allow the transfer of the agreement to TSC Realty LLC.

Mike Tamsin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Adjournment- 9:00 PM

Submitted by: Michelle Martin (temporary Clerk)