

WPCA – Minutes – 7.18.2023

The Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting minutes of July 18, 2023.

Present: Donald Mayland, Chairman; John Whalen; David Bayersdorfer; Jim Rutledge; Pat Hackett; Charles Humes, Superintendent.

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:00am.

Report from Superintendent:

- U/V Repair man on site
- Scum pump went out at plant: 2 weeks out for replacements. Existing pump is too old and they couldn't get parts for it; replacing entire unit.
- Ordering of a new generator for East Meadow is on hold. The company we order from has the item in stock. This generator is included in the FY 23-24 budget.
- Alarms at Interlaken pump station keep going off with the significant amount of rain. Pumps need to be rehabilitated or replaced. C. Humes contacted Carlson Systems; waiting on estimate on how to upgrade the pumps in steps or all at once.
- The Sewer Plant was recently inspected by the state; couple issues:
 - Classification of the sewer plant: If the plant is a Class II or Class III? The state thought it was a Class III, C. Humes said it is a Class II. Many factors are added up to make the classification, including capacity and equipment. 55 and under is a Class II. Our plant is at 55.
 - Chris Ohmen, Assistant to the Superintendent, does not have his operator certification at this time. He is required to have it by November 1, 2023 or within the first two years of being hired.
 - The beds at the plant that are not being used, will either have to be removed, disconnected completely from the under drains within the system or renew them. Erin Moore, from Tighe & Bond will write to the state reminding them that we do not use the beds. 2 years of data has been submitted without the bed information. The beds take in 1.5 acres of rain water that is not treated by the plant. Possible solution is disconnecting the under drainage.

The WPCA members discussed the readings at the pump stations at both Hotchkiss and Interlaken post heavy rains.

There was discussion on which areas of Town have been relined by Green Mountain Pipeline Services and the cost associated with relining; cost per foot. The WPCA discussed the possibility of budgeting approximately \$20,000 per year towards relining.

There was discussion on sewer bill delinquencies. We are down to \$56,000 from \$80,000 in delinquent accounts. The Tax Collector will send out delinquent letters in August, demand letters in February and lien notices in March.

There was discussion about the bridge to the sewer plant. First Selectman, Curtis Rand, joined the meeting and explained that the Town has hired Cardinal Engineering to do an initial inspection of a few bridges in town included the one to the plant. Steel plates have been put on the deck as a temporary fix. P. Hackett said he would take a look at the abutments once the water level goes down.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2023 at 9:00am.

Adjourn: 9.:27am