

WPCA – Minutes - 11.21.2023

The Water Pollution Control Authority meeting of November 21, 2023.

Present: Donald Mayland, Chairman; John Whalen; Jim Rutledge; Pat Hackett; Emily Egan; Charles Humes, Superintendent. **Absent:** David Bayersdorfer; Robin Leech.

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

D. Mayland welcomed Emily Egan as a newly appointed alternate member to the WPCA.

Superintendent's Report:

- C. Humes has been doing a study of the design flow of the plant to determine capacity. The plant is averaging a little more per bedroom than the state would like. The state says roughly 150 gallons per bedroom for an average; we are averaging 194, due to the Inflow and Infiltration that is coming into the system.
- There was discussion that Saint Martin of Tours Church of St. Mary, in Lakeville has proposed installing a commercial kitchen and questioned if a grease trap was needed. WPCA members asked if the other churches with kitchens have grease traps, and how often the kitchen are used. The WPCA will wait until they apply for a permit, before any further discussion.
- Interlaken Pump Station: The panel and pump should be on site by Nov. 27, and by Dec. 20th, 2023 the upgrades should be completed. Pressure testing of the line will be completed after the install of the new pumps. One of the pumps failed a few weeks ago, they used parts off of the submersible pump to fix one of the pumps, so there is no backup at this time.
- Land Use is working on updating the sewer maps with the help of Pat Hackett and John Whalen. 6 properties need to be reviewed to see if they are on town sewer including:
 - 52 & 62 Lincoln City Road
 - 23 & 32 Prospect Street
 - 51 Bostwick Street
 - 177 Sharon Road
 - 9 Walton Street

The WPCA will send out letters to these home owners to request that we dye test the lines to see if they are connected to town sewer.

Chairman's Report

- D. Mayland mentioned the delinquencies are still high for WPCA collections. Due to state statute the interest is not negotiable. C. Rand mentioned that a new ordinance disallows people from applying for a building/land use permit without settling outstanding tax bills.
- Capacity: C. Humes stated that 218 new bedrooms would be the maximum additional bedrooms allowed on the town sewer system to not exceed the plants capacity.

- C. Humes presented a weekly plant flow chart for the members to review from Sept. 13th through Nov. 16th, 2023. The chart lists the Plant Flow MGD (millions of gallons per day) and the percentage of flow from Hotchkiss, Interlaken and the Salisbury Stations.
- Inflow and Infiltration: C. Humes expressed the need to complete the relining and updating the manholes in Lakeville to reduce the infiltration. P. Hackett mentioned that the Land Use Assistant is working on compiling a map of all the manholes. Once completed, this will help with mapping out the areas of infiltration. D. Mayland will look into budgeting for these projects. C. Rand recommended doing a study with USDA.
- C. Rand gave a brief update on the report from Cardinal Engineering on the bridge to access the sewer plant. They estimated approximately \$60,000 on a new deck to \$300,000 for a new deck and widening the bridge. Cardinal reported back that we would not qualify for federal funding even if we could prove that it is a Town Road, and that it is not in bad enough shape to generate interest from state or federal programs. The report states that the abutments and beams on the existing bridge are fine.
- Peter Halle, of the Salisbury Housing Committee, discussed the number of affordable housing units they propose with Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan. P. Halle will continue to keep the WPCA updated going forward. Abeth Slotnick from Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission mentioned the moderate number of bedrooms in the expansion of affordable housing does reach the maximum capacity allowed by the current plant. Both groups will keep the infrastructure in mind for their groups when discussing expansion.
- D. Mayland mentioned the need to have a discussion later on about the cost for connecting to the sewer system for the groups building the affordable housing.

Adjourn: 9:32am