WPCA – Minutes – 5.20.2025

The Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting minutes of May 20, 2025.

Present: Donald Mayland, Chairman; Jim Rutledge; John Whalen; Robin Leech; Pat Hackett; Emily Egan; Charles Humes, Superintendent; members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am.

R. Leech made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Rutledge seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

R. Leech made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting. P. Hackett seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

C. Humes gave a brief update on the purchase of a new truck for the WPCA. The delivery date is expected to be in June. The dealership will not take the old truck as a trade in.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the plant has been submitted.

Matt Humes, the Assistant to the Superintendent, will begin course work for Operator Certification for Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities Class 1.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mayland introduced Attorney Richard Roberts, of Halloran Sage LLP. Mr. Roberts will be representing the WPCA with any legal matters going forward.

The WPCA members and Attorney Roberts received a copy of a letter sent to the Tax Collector regarding a refund for sewer bills paid between 2003-2013. Attorney Roberts said there is a statue of limitations and the request for repayment appears to be well outside the window provided by the Connecticut General Statues (CGS. 12-129), which is three years from the date the bill was due. Chairman Mayland will send a letter with a copy of the CGS to the former property owner.

The WPCA members received a draft report from Tighe & Bond – Re: Town of Salisbury – Wake Robin Inn Redevelopment – Review of Downstream Capacity Analysis – Sanitary Sewer. The members of the WPCA will review the draft in the next few weeks, and any questions or corrections can be discussed with Tighe & Bond. Members of ARADEV and SLR, the Wake Robin Inn Redevelopers, and Attorney Joshua Mackey (representing ARADEV) requested the WPCA hold a special meeting in June to formally address the capacity analysis.

Kayla Johnson, Assessor, sent the WPCA a list of 5 properties to approve for sewer billing: 54 Main St (additional bedroom), 17 & 19 Perry St (new construction – both 3 bedrooms), 185 Sharon Road (new connection – vacant lot), and 188 Farnum Road (new construction, 3 bedroom). R. Leech made a motion to approve the billing for the 5 properties listed. P. Hackett seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

P. Hackett, J. Rutledge and E. Egan are members of a sub-committee to review the current sewer ordinances along with creating an application for all new connections to the sewer system. They will be having sub-committee meetings in June and work with Attorney Roberts on updating the ordinances and creating an application.

Adjourn: 9:35am