



WPCA – Minutes – 1.20.2026

The Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting minutes of January 20, 2026.

Present: Jim Rutledge; John Whalen; Robin Leech; Pat Hackett; Emily Egan; Charles Humes, Superintendent.

Absent: Donald Mayland.

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:01am.

R. Leech made a motion to appoint J. Rutledge as Acting Chairman for this meeting. P. Hackett seconded, and the motion was approved.

E. Egan made a motion to **approve the agenda** with the addition of “Discussion and possible approval of 14 units (from 12 originally proposed and approved on February 1, 2021) for the Holley Block development.” J. Rutledge seconded, and the motion was approved.

R. Leech made a motion to **approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 18, 2025**. J. Rutledge seconded, and the motion was approved. P. Hackett abstained.

Superintendent’s Report

C. Humes informed the board that Matt Humes (Assistant) will be taking his first test in March 2026. They have recruited a tutor to help him prepare for the test.

The pump at the Salisbury pump station has been repaired; the repair costs was \$8,550.

Discussion of properties flagged for sewer in OpenGov:

- 26 Ethan Allen Street – Residential property – Attic space being converted to office space – no plumbing
- 13A Porter Street (Project Sage) – Commercial property – creating temporary living space, no new bathrooms
- 54 Farnum Road – Residential property – creating an upstairs accessory apartment – needs new separate connections

WPCA asked 54 Farnum Rd to fill out application with specs and a \$5,000 connection fee

The WPCA mentioned at the special meeting that was held on January 14, 2026 to discuss and vote on sewer connection fees for the Holley Block Development. Jocelyn Ayer, Director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity, presented a proposal from the Salisbury Housing Committee. The request asked the WPCA to update the project scope to 14 units (maintaining the original bedroom count) and to approve a 50% reduction in hookup fees, lowering the cost from \$70,000 to \$35,000. Following the presentation, the WPCA held a vote on the fee reduction. The motion resulted in a 3-3 tie and was therefore not approved. No further discussion occurred.

The WPCA was asked to approve the additional two units that were added to the plans of the Holley Block development. The original proposal included 12 units approved on February 1, 2021. R. Leech made a motion to approve the 14 units at Holley Block. P. Hackett seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments

George Massey proposed that the WPCA considered waiving all fees for the connection at Holley Block development.

Adjourn: 9:29am