**WPCA – Minutes – 10.20.2026**

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

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

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

J. Rutledge made a motion to **approve the agenda** with the addition of "Approval of minutes from August 18th, 2026". E. Egan seconded, and the agenda was approved as amended.

J. Rutledge made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the August 18th, 2026 Meeting. J. Whalen seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**C. Humes, Superintendent's Report**

- **Sludge Disposal:** Sludge disposal was completed in early September, with disposal rates increasing by 30% since the previous cycle.
- **Equipment Replacement:** A lightning strike damaged the influent meter sensor, requiring the replacement of both the meter and the sensor.
- **Repairs in Progress:** Two return sludge pumps are currently undergoing repairs by Revel Environmental Manufacturing (REM), which includes replacing the impellers and wear plates with stainless steel parts at an estimated cost of $7,200 each.
- **Building Updates:** The roof on the digestor building has been replaced. To finalize construction, new doors must be installed at both ends, and an additional invoice for extra framing work is anticipated.
- **Generator Status:** During the July 4th storm, a tree struck the Hotchkiss School generator. Although the protective surround is severely dented, the generator continues to operate properly.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Important technical, regulatory, and practical operational updates regarding PFAS testing and removal for Connecticut water systems were highlighted at the October CTRWWA Annual Conference. Consequently, weekly PFAS testing will be incorporated into our routine lab tests.

**Application for new connection**
52 East Main Street – Connection of existing sewer lateral to barn (accessory apartment). After review of the application, E. Egan made a motion to approve the connection at 52 East Main Street. J. Rutledge seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

There was a brief discussion on rates of commercial properties in the sewer district. The WPCA members will work on getting more rate information on each of the properties before the next meeting.

**Adjourn:** 9:29am