

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY – OCTOBER 16, 2019
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING – WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2019
7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Council Chambers

Board Members:

Louis M. Accornero, Chairman; John M. Tanski, Vice Chairman; John A. Davis, Jr., Secretary; Nils G. Carlson; Richard P. Lawlor **EXCUSED**; James D. Parry; and Edward Urbansky Jr.

Gregory J. Mahoney, Senior Engineering Technician, and Michael J. Bisi, Superintendent of Sanitation, were also in attendance.

1. Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF GLASTONBURY

In accordance with Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority will conduct a public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, in the Glastonbury Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. At the hearing, affected property owners shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed sewer use rates:

- A. \$ 3.15 per ccf for 100 percent of metered flows.
- B. \$ 3.15 per ccf for non-metered flow of 140 ccf.
- C. \$ 0.075 per gallon of septic sewage.
- D. \$20.00 surcharge for reading private meters.
- E. \$60.00 minimum bill/standby charge.

A copy of these charges has been filed in the Office of the Glastonbury Town Clerk on September 30, 2019 for public inspection.

Louis M. Accornero, Chairman
John A. Davis, Jr., Secretary

A. Sewer Use Rates
Resolution 2019-23

The Chairman asked if there was anyone to speak on this item. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the public hearing.

2. Action on Public Hearing

A. Sewer Use Rates
Resolution 2019-23

Mr. Davis MOVED, that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE Resolution 2019-23, Sewer Use Rates.

Mr. Tanski SECONDED the MOTION and it was unanimously APPROVED.

Mr. Bisi addressed a question from the previous meeting, in which Mr. Carlson wondered if 140ccf was still a legitimate average to base the charge for people with wells. Monitoring has become much more defined and the MDC told Mr. Bisi average customers use about 132 ccf per year, so they will continue to use the 140ccf rate. They will also continue to monitor the average.

3. Public Comments

Roger Emerick of 580 Hopewell Road commented that he has already been before the Town Council and the Conservation Commission and supplied them with copies of about 20 photos showing the condition of Roaring Brook, about a half a mile of which runs through his property from Smut Pond to the Slocomb property. He discussed how the setting was originally idyllic, but with upstream development -- curbing and widening of roads, dumping in storm sewers -- the damage and nutrient loss of the water has tremendously degraded the water's quality in Roaring Brook. Mr. Emerick added that the frogs are gone as well as the crayfish.

Mr. Emerick referred to his lawsuit against the Town regarding these issues, which was dismissed, due to "purgery" and "conspiracies". He is now awaiting a trial in Federal court. He mentioned he had submitted photographs of considerable erosion of the brook and now has as many as ½ dozen dams caused by fallen trees, all of which have destroyed his property. He continued, saying a new Town Council member had been out, but was told not to comment, and he had appeared before the Conservation Commission, but had yet to get a response from them. His proposition is to resolve the situation and have confirmation of the damage as caused by Town-permitted development, without litigation. He said he was in front of the Water Pollution Control Authority because this is all caused by water pollution. He suggested members look at the ponds in town, which are now all covered in green. He related a story of not knowing where to safely put a snapping turtle because all the brooks and ponds are surrounded by invasives. He said he does not want to have to file another lawsuit against the town and invited members to come look at his property.

4. Subcommittees

A. Sewer Use Subcommittee – No Report

B. Assessment Subcommittee – No Report

C. Engineering Subcommittee

Mike Bisi spoke about the Cider Mill Pump Station. He reminded members it will be a pre-cast concrete building, which will allow for less construction activity on-site. The building should go in before Christmas – things are a little behind schedule. All the equipment to go inside has been ordered. They will notify neighbors when construction will begin.

D. Legal Subcommittee – No Report

5. Acceptance of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting & Public Hearing – September 11, 2019

Mr. Davis MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of September 11, 2019.

Mr. Urbansky SECONDED the MOTION and it was APPROVED 5-0-1, with Mr. Parry abstaining.

6. Other Business Properly to Come Before the Authority

A. Correspondence - NONE

B. Water Pollution Control Authority - 2020 Meeting Schedule

There were many mistakes on the schedule which were corrected by members.

Mr. Davis MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Urbansky SECONDED the MOTION and it was unanimously APPROVED.

The meeting ADJOURNED at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glynis McKenzie
Recording Secretary