

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY – JANUARY 20, 2021**  
**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m. via ZOOM video conferencing**

**Board Members:**

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

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

**1. Subcommittees**

**A. Sewer Use Subcommittee**

**1. Subcommittee Recommendations – Sewer Use Appeals**

The Chairman advised the people in attendance appealing their bills to raise their hand when he read their address; people did so.

Mr. Davis MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE the Sewer Use Subcommittee's Recommendations as presented except item numbers 1, 7, 9, 19, 26 & 27 of the spreadsheet.

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

Faiqa Cheema of 103 Abbey Road (#1), Annette Benker of 91 Candlewood Road (#7), Kevin Chase of 69 Lincoln Drive (#19), Robert Grenus of 46 Randolph Road (#26) and Fiona Kirk of 59 Tall Timbers Drive (#27) were present and their appeals were discussed.

Mr. Davis MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE the Sewer Use Subcommittee's Recommendations for items numbered 1, 19, 26 & 27.

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

Richard Sharon of 85 Curtis Road (#9) arrived and his appeal was discussed.

Mr. Davis MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority REFER items number 7 and 9 back to the Sewer Use Subcommittee.

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

**B. Assessment Subcommittee**

**NO REPORT**

**C. Engineering Subcommittee**

**1. Proposed Dairy Queen Restaurant  
(formerly Boston Market)**

**2834 Main Street**

**Subcommittee Recommendation:**

**F.O.G. equipment required to be installed**

Mr. Davis wondered if they give the applicant a break, allowing them to use the current AGRU (Automatic Grease Recovery Unit) system, who is going to oversee the maintenance of it, from the Town's perspective?

Mr. Carlson said he would be inclined to let the applicant use the current AGRU system.

Mr. Bisi reiterated his belief that he does not think they should consider letting the applicant use the current AGRU system, but if the Authority takes that route, he feels the applicant should put some money in escrow in case there are issues down the line. If the current AGRU system does not work well, he believes it is not reasonable to expect the applicant to switch to an exterior grease trap; it just won't happen.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Mahoney when the last time a restaurant in that area had trouble with the sewer main due to grease? Mr. Mahoney responded just last Monday, there was a grease blockage on-site at the Griswold Mall, and all the restaurants there have the AGRUs.

The applicant, Michael Cassetta, spoke. He explained they rushed the re-paving of the parking lot because they wanted it done while the asphalt plants were still open. He added that he would supply the Health Department with maintenance reports every time they inspected, and finally, he said if there are any issues with the current system, they would at that point, put in the exterior grease trap system. Mr. Cassetta reiterated that a Dairy Queen would produce significantly less grease than a Boston Market.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Bisi if he thought they should request money put into escrow, and if so, how much? Mr. Bisi said he was not prepared to give an amount.

Mr. Davis asked, that when they made an exception – to not require grease management - for Dunkin Donuts, didn't they supply a report? He said he wants to make sure the Authority and the Town are covered. Mr. Bisi responded that the Town had requested an engineering study which was provided.

Mr. Accornero wondered if the Legal Subcommittees could put together an agreement in which the applicant agrees to put in the exterior trap if the interior one is not maintained, or should they determine an amount of money to put into escrow.

Mr. Campbell said the applicant knew the requirements to begin with and he thinks the exterior trap should be put in. If the Authority does decide to make an exception, he believes there should be a contract and money should be put into escrow.

John Tanski believes the question is, does the Town of Glastonbury want to encourage a business to invest in town during very difficult financial times. He also believes the answer is yes and what procedures can the Town put in place to assure there won't be a problem in the future. He would prefer a conditional approval, but doesn't feel they can develop the conditions tonight.

Mr. Davis MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority DISAPPROVE the Engineering Subcommittee's Recommendation regarding F.O.G. equipment at the proposed Dairy Queen to be located at 2834 Main Street and require exterior equipment.

Mr. Tanski SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTION was NOT approved, 2 for (Campbell & Davis) to 2 against (Tanski & Carlson); 2-3 with the Chairman voting.

Mr. Tanski MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority REFER to the Legal Subcommittee the creation of a legal document regarding a conditional waiver of F.O.G. requirements for the proposed Dairy Queen at 2834 Main Street.

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

**D. Legal Subcommittee**

**NO REPORT**

**2. Acceptance of Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting – December 9, 2020**

Mr. Davis MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2020.

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

**3. Other Business Properly to Come Before the Authority**

**NONE**

Mr. Davis MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting ADJOURNED at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Glynis McKenzie  
Recording Secretary