

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY – MARCH 10, 2021
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, March 10, 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 **EXCUSED**; Richard P. Lawlor **EXCUSED**; & James D. Parry

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

1. Developments

A. Proposed 8 Lot Residential Subdivision
1040 Main Street
Sanitary Sewer Impact Report
(Wolff Engineering- Ronald Wolff, P.E.)

Engineer Ron Wolff represented the applicant. The property is 9.3 acres and is located in the Residence AA Zone. They calculated daily and peak flows and compared them to the town's Master Sewer Plan. They expect flows to be at 44% of what the Plan anticipated, which would have been for 18 lots. The proposed sanitary sewer line would be on the east side of Main Street with a new manhole. They expect all the lots to have gravity-fed sewer lines.

The Chairman asked what the blue circle on the plan designated. Mr. Wolff responded it is their proposed detention basin for stormwater. He added there is an existing sanitary sewer easement as part of the town's sewer line run through a corner of the property. They do not propose to connect to the sewer at that point, but rather, to the line on Main Street.

Mr. Perry asked what the property is near, to which both Mr. Wolff and the Chair responded it is across from Southgate Drive.

Mr. Bisi asked if the new street would be a public road, to which Mr. Wolff replied yes.

Mr. Davis asked if the Authority had seen an 18-lot subdivision proposal for this property. It was agreed that when creating the Master Sewer Plan, it had been guesstimated how many lots could fit.

Mr. Davis **MOVED** that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority **APPROVE** the Sanitary Sewer Impact Report for the Proposed 8 Lot Residential Subdivision at 1040 Main Street prepared by Ronald Wolff, P.E., Wolff Engineering.

Mr. Parry **SECONDED** the **MOTION** and it was unanimously **APPROVED**,

2. Subcommittees

A. Sewer Use Subcommittee

1. Subcommittee Recommendations – Sewer Use Appeals

Chair Accornero reported the subcommittee met on March 3 to discuss the appeal for sewer use at 1415 Main Street. They devised a recommendation which they sent to the owner, Michael Kooken, who was satisfied.

Mr. Davis MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE the Sewer Use Subcommittee's Recommendation for Michael Kooken at 1415 Main Street.

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

Mr. Accornero shared that at their meeting, the Subcommittee also discussed billing guidelines and some other policies they need to work on and metered accounts. He added that they had 102 special metered accounts that owners did not read and report the amounts. The billing system defaulted to last year's amounts, and that is what they were charged. He continued, saying they will let it stand and will deduct the amount from 2020 from the 2021 meter readings.

Mr. Bisi reiterated what Mr. Accornero said and added that he thinks they should also send letters to the 102 people. He then said the Subcommittee will be considering how to best handle these situations.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Bisi how many of the 102 people will be satisfied with the amounts that are adjusted for them. Mr. Bisi answered by saying there are about a half dozen people who have figured out that even when they don't turn in their meter amounts, they still do well due to all the extra work Mr. Bisi's department goes to. Members discussed with Mr. Bisi what to do in the future.

B. Assessment Subcommittee

Mr. Mahoney said it will soon be time to take a 5-year look at assessment rates for sewer connection fees. He will do some research and look at the CIP Index and come up with a recommendation.

C. Engineering Subcommittee

NO REPORT

D. Legal Subcommittee

NO REPORT

3. Acceptance of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – February 10, 2021

Mr. Davis MOVED that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2021.

Mr. Tanski SECONDED the MOTION and it was APPROVED 4-0-1, with Mr. Parry abstaining and the Chairman voting.

4. Other Business Properly to Come Before the Authority

A. Addison Road Sewer Extension Project

Mr. Mahoney referred members to the map he included in their packets. When he started with the Town in 2016, the sewer ended at the manhole cover in front of 240 Addison Road. Then the homeowner at #250 needed to hook up to the sewer, so she paid for the extension.

There is a new homeowner at 235 Addison Road. Mr. Mahoney recently received a call from this homeowner requesting to hook up to the sewer. The ordinance says if you are within 100 feet from a sewer, you can hook up to the town sewer system, and they are within 90 feet. Just a cap had been put on the sewer because they knew they would need to service the last two properties not connected in this area of Addison Road. Mr. Mahoney explained to the homeowner at #235 that the town was trying to get away from running long laterals down the tree belt to tie into the sewer system. He further explained what the lady at #250 had done; within a developer's permit agreement, she only paid one tier of the three-tier assessment as she actually had hired the contractor to put the extension of the sewer main in front of her house. Mr. Mahoney added that he could also ask the Authority to take on the project, extending the sewer, putting in a new manhole at the termination point and adding two sewer laterals for each house, then collecting the 3-tier assessments.

Mr. Mahoney then referred to the spreadsheet he had included in the members' packets. He had done a construction cost estimate which totaled about \$21,500. He then directed their attention to the assessments for each of the two properties. He also indicated what the Authority would recoup for installing the extension.

Mr. Mahoney then explained either way it is a long process. There will need to be a public hearing and then the developers permit agreement needs to be created, signed and approved by the Authority.

Mr. Davis asked how well it worked when the homeowner at #250 put the extension in. Mr. Mahoney replied that it worked well for her because she did not have to put a manhole in, which saved about \$5,000. A problem with the town doing it is that the project would have to go out to bid.

Mr. Tanski concluded that it would still be best for the town to do this project. Mr. Mahoney said he thought so; he believes the cost of construction would outweigh the benefit to the 2 homeowners. He believes the town should do the work and recoup the expense through the assessments when they decide to connect.

Mr. Mahoney asked the Authority if they want him to pursue construction of the extension via the Town. Members agreed that is the way to go.

The Chair thanked Jim Parry for his service and wished him well in his new position with the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency. Mr. Parry thanked the members and staff.

Mr. Davis MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting ADJOURNED at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Glynis McKenzie
Recording Secretary