WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY – JUNE 8, 2022

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING – Wednesday, June 8, 2022
6:00 p.m. – Town Hall, Town Council Chambers

Board Members: Louis M. Accornero, Chairman; John M. Tanski, Vice Chairman (EXCUSED);

John A. Davis, Jr., Secretary; Daniel Horvath; James Campbell, and Richard P.

Lawlor, Brian J. Comerford

Michael J. Bisi, Sanitation Superintendent; Gregory J. Mahoney, Senior Engineering Technician

1. Public Hearing

A. 1792 Manchester Road- Scott Patrick Hankard Resolution 2022-06 Assessment of Benefits #946

In accordance with Section 7-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 19-73 through 19-85 of the Town of Glastonbury's Code of Ordinances, the Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday June 8, 2022, in the Town of Glastonbury's Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut, where the owner of the property listed below may be heard regarding the proposed assessment of benefits.

1. 1792 Manchester Road

\$12,974.40

No special benefits are found to any person or party, or to property.

A copy of the proposed assessment has been filed in the Office of the Glastonbury Town Clerk on May 23, 2022 for public inspection.

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

2. Action on the Public Hearings

A. 1792 Manchester Road- Scott Patrick Hankard Resolution 2022-06
Assessment of Benefits #946

Mr. Davis MOVED, that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE Resolution 2022-06, Assessment of Benefits #946 for 1792 Manchester Road – Scott Patrick Hankard

Mr. Campbell SECONDED the MOTION and it was APPROVED unanimously

3. Developments

A. Stallion Ridge Subdivision
Resolution 2022-07
Sanitary Sewer Acceptance-(Portion)
(Dependable Construction, Developer)

Mr. Mahoney explained that this pertains to the gravity portion of the sewer line on Bell Street and that the force main section will be pressure tested this week. He expects the force main section to be proposed to the Commission at the next meeting.

The Commission requested clarification on the maintenance period noted within the memorandum in Item 3.A of the meeting packet and the warranty period noted in Resolution 2022-07. Mr. Mahoney explained that the applicant has one year from the time of sewer acceptance to address any issues within the system.

Mr. Davis MOVED, that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE Resolution 2022-07, Sanitary Sewer Acceptance for a portion of Stallion Ridge Subdivision – Dependable Construction, LLC.

Mr. Comerford SECONDED the MOTION and it was APPROVED unanimously

4. Public Comments

Mario Di Loreto of 61 Candlewood Road was in attendance and is appealing his \$876.56 Sewer Use bill. He explained that he was out of town most of the year and should not have incurred this extensive fee. He stated that most years, this bill is typically around \$200. Mr. Di Loreto noted that the irrigation deduction meter card was submitted, yet he was still overcharged.

The Commission suggested that this could be due to a malfunctioning meter that may be submitting an inaccurate reading. Mr. Di Loreto explained that he is rarely at the residence. The Commission questioned whether or not he turns off the water when not at the residence. They were concerned there could a be leak somewhere in the system.

Mr. Bisi stated that a Town staff member visited the residence in September, 2021 to inspect the meter and record a reading. He noted that there appeared to be a discrepancy in readings between September and June, 2021, and suggested that the meter could be giving inaccurate data. Mr. Bisi suggested coordinating a time for Town staff to revisit the residence and test the system to ensure the meter is functioning properly. Mr. Di Loreto questioned the MDC credit he received and Mr. Bisi clarified that was for a settlement related to surcharges and not water consumption.

The Commission clarified that Sewer Use billing is calculated with MDC data and the irrigation deduction meter reading included. In this case, the reading was higher than anticipated and they suspect the meter is malfunctioning. Town staff will coordinate a site visit with Mr. Di Loreto, test the meter and take next steps. Mr. Di Loreto agreed to this.

Mr. Hankard of 1792 Manchester Road came forward and requested clarification on how the sewer assessment for his property was calculated. The Commission stated that it is based on property frontage and not lot size or square footage of the structure, and that there is no option for variance.

5. Subcommittees

A. Sewer Use Subcommittee

Mr. Bisi commented that special meter cards have been mailed and are returning a good response so far. He also noted that they have expanded the database for electronic meter card submissions as opposed to regular mail.

B. Assessment Subcommittee

No report

C. Engineering Subcommittee

No report.

D. Legal Subcommittee

No report.

6. Acceptance of Minutes

A. Special Meeting & Public Hearings – May 4, 2022

Mr. Horvath MOVED, that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE the Minutes for the Special Meeting & Public Hearings of May 4, 2022.

Mr. Comerford requested to amend the recorded minutes within Item 3.A, Red Fox Prime Steakhouse Sewer Impact Report Policy Waiver Request, noting the \$500 per month penalty for each report not submitted on time, and requested that the minutes reflect Mr. Lawlor's proposed friendly amendment which would excuse non-compliance with the deadline for good cause shown to the satisfaction of the authority.

Mr. Comerford SECONDED the MOTION and it was **APPROVED** 4-0 with chair vote. Mr. Davis, and Mr. Campbell abstained.

7. Other Business Properly to Come Before the Authority

A. Transfer of Funds- Sewer Sinking Fund Resolution 2022-08

The Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority requests that the Board of Finance transfer \$290,000.00 from the Sewer Sinking Fund undesignated fund balance account (60100-09241) to the Sewer Sinking Projects Fund – WPC Roofs (32007-52938) for roofing replacement of sludge processing and garage building roofs.

Mr. Davis MOVED, that the Town of Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Authority APPROVE Resolution 2022-08 transfer of funds – Sewer Sinking Fund to the Sewer Sinking Project Fund, for roof replacement at the Water Pollution Control Facility.

Mr. Bisi explained that a Capital Improvement Plan budget was submitted with a phased approach on roof replacement for various Water Pollution Control facilities and explained which buildings are included in this year's phase. There is a need to increase from the \$230,000 budgeted ten years ago to \$290,000 due to currently higher material costs. Mr. Bisi hopes work on this phase can be done sometime this fall in coordination with the Facilities department in an attempt to save money. He expects other roof replacements to be completed over the course of the next 5-7 years.

Mr. Bisi noted that due to rescheduled WPCA meetings in May and Board of Finance Director, Julie Twilley's departure, the transfer approval was requested in advance with the Board of Finance.

Approval was contingent upon WPCA approval and requested in advance to avoid any further delays in the approval process.

At the Commission's request, Mr. Bisi explained that a consultant was hired to suggest associated costs for the project, and once funds are approved, the Town's Facilities department will put the project out to bid.

Mr. Lawlor SECONDED the MOTION and it was **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Davis MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Horvath SECONDED the MOTION and it was **APPROVED** unanimously.

The meeting ADJOURNED at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Luke

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Recording Secretary