

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Meeting Date: Wednesday June 22, 2022

6:00 PM

Meeting Place: Zoom Online Meeting

Water Pollution Control Authority

Minutes

Chairperson Tom Hansen called the meeting of June 22 to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: Tom Hansen; Graham Curtis; Mark Aron; Trent Joseph; Martin Brogie; Matt Jermaine (Weston & Sampson)

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of prior minutes – no comments or revisions
3. Public comment – none
4. Correspondence:

Letter from Mr. Tom Daly of Linden Lane suggesting that the WPCA assist the DOS with evaluating the issues of short-term rentals. Mr. Daly has also sent a letter to Erin Mannix, Town Planner in this regard. The WPCA discussed the issues and determined that there is some shared concerns about inadequate or non-compliant septic systems. The health department is in communication with the BOS and the Town Planner and is providing comment and input. Trent Joseph will follow up.

Approval letter from DEEP regarding the town's Wastewater Facilities Plan. Discussed under item 7, below.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Water Pollution Control Plan: No recommended changes or comments
6. Health Director's Report:

Trent Joseph delivered the Health Director's report. Active reviews include 45 Wall Street, 32 Cottage Road, 14 Railroad Ave, and others. Also, the apartment building (30 units) on Bradley Road.

The Health Department is very busy with all aspects of the Covid pandemic as well as septic system repairs and approvals.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion of Facilities Planning process with Weston & Sampson.

Jueda Shytko (CT DEEP) has reviewed the April 8, 2022, Draft Engineering Agreement for the Town Wide Wastewater Facilities Planning Study. CT DEEP has provided review comments in a memo dated May 9, 2022. Tom Hansen (WPCA Chairman) and Matt Jermin (Weston & Sampson) have updated the scope of services to address the review comments on June 3rd.

Major items were:

- Add discussion of CEPA requirements as they relate to the recommended alternative.
- Supplement the evaluation utilizing the CT Institute of Resiliency and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) as part of the analysis.
- Clarify that the Madison Health Department records will be utilized after determining neighborhood focus areas.
- Clarify that water quality testing is not proposed as part of this study because bacteria found in the groundwater is typically from septic systems in shallow groundwater which would be identified during review of Madison Health Department records.
- Clarify that the report will include alternatives: No Action Alternative and Formation of a Decentralized Wastewater Management District/Program.

The scope and fee were revised to incorporate the agreed-to changes. The final fee is \$138,200.

On June 28th, the DEEP sent the WPCA a letter approving the changes in scope and fee. The letter was signed by Nisha Patel, P.E. of DEEP. The contract can now be signed by the BOS.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjournment: 7:00PM Moved by Graham Curtis and seconded by Mark Aron to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.