

Town of Middlefield, Connecticut



Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting April 5, 2023 Minutes

Call to Order by Gregory P. Makuch, Chairman at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present: Gregory P. Makuch, Robert Veeley Vice Chairman, Roberta Curtis and Robert Monthei. Also present: Rob Poturnicki, Ex-Officio (non-voting). Members absent: Rich Rynaski.

Motion by Roberta Curtis to approve the agenda, 2nd by Bob Monthei. Vote: all members in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Greg Makuch to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting, 2nd by Roberta Curtis. Vote: all members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

- #102 Mattabeseck Road - Relocation of the WPCA's control panel and electric meter for Duplex Grinder Pump Station #39 to a permanent location.
February 10, 2023, the WPCA Chairman met with A&S Electrical Services and Pete Parker, WPCA employee at the site. The homeowner was also present. Discussed the work to be done.
February 14, the WPCA Chairman met with representatives of Eversource and A&S Electrical Services. Discussed Eversource's requirements and fees. Note: Eversource will not allow the WPCA's electric meter to be mounted on the house. Eversource has a set of specifications that must be followed for the meter setting. Also the existing PVC drop pipe previously installed by the homeowner's electrician for the WPCA's

underground service (homeowner wishes to eliminate all overhead wires) must be changed to a steel drop pipe. Eversource will prepare a bill for their portion of the work. A&S Electrical Services will prepare a proposal which will also include the excavation work.

The WPCA Chairman and the Finance Director reviewed and accepted the proposal from A&S.

April 3 and 4, 2023: A&S Electrical Services performed work at the site. WPCA Chairman and the Building Inspector on site. Now waiting for Eversource to do the switch over.

- #22 Lake Road - Noncompliance issue dating back to 2002.
On February 8, 2023, the WPCA Chairman had a phone conversation with the homeowner. The homeowner assured the Chairman that the connection to the public sewer would be done before the end of this year.
- STEAP Grant for Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements.
Brian Curtis, P.E. of Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates is finalizing the paperwork with the State of Connecticut.

New Business:

- Financial Report
Discussed the “Statement of Activity” for the current fiscal year to March 31, 2023 and the statement for fiscal year 2021-2022 prepared by the Finance Director. Also discussed a copy of the “Lake Beseck - Sewer Usage, Report of the Tax Collector to March 2023”
The semi-annual (April) sewer use bills for Lake Beseck were prepared and mailed out by the Tax Collector.

Chairman’s Report for February 2023:

- Pete Parker, WPCA part time employee reported that a pump at Duplex Grinder Pump Station #12 (Mattabeseck Road) was clogged with a sanitary pad. Cahill Co. pumped out the tank. Williamson Pump Co. removed the clog. The cost to correct was nearly \$1,500. WPCA Chairman revised the existing form letter re: “Sewer System Repairs and Sewer Use and Care”. This letter w/brochure was sent to the new resident connected to this pump station.
- Pete Parker also reported the following:
 - #4 Lakeview Estates - Simplex Grinder Pump failure:
Williamson Pump Co. found rusted electrical connections inside the pump control panel box. Installed a new panel box.
 - #1 Lake Shore Drive - Simplex Grinder Pump failure:
High water alarm went off (the pump control panel w/ alarm is located on the outside of the house). Resident did hear the alarm - overflow in the bathroom.
Williamson Pump Co. repaired the problem.
 - #18-A Lake Shore Drive - Duplex Grinder Pump Station #51:
Williamson Pump Co. replaced the diaphragm connection.

#257 Baileyville Road - Duplex Grinder Pump Station # 307:

Williamson Pump Co. replaced a pump.

#15 Lakeview Place - Simplex Grinder Pump failure:

Pump was clogged with hair. Williamson Pump Co. cleared the pump and replaced an electrical switch.

Chairman's Report for March 2023:

- Created a form letter to be sent to new residents connected to the Lake Beseck sewer. Letter explains that the Lake Beseck sewer system is highly dependent on sewer pumps and if improper items are flushed into the sewer, these pumps can clog and stop working. Along with the letter, a "user guide" listing prohibited items will be included.
- Reviewed a spreadsheet of sewer users at Lake Beseck for the April billing as generated by the Tax Collector.
- Initiated sewer use billing for #8 Algonquin Road with the Tax Collector. This house was connected to the sewer in November 2016 per a field inspection report by Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates. Discussed with the Tax Collector, this being an "oversight" by the WPCA, the WPCA will not pursue collecting back fees.
- The Executive Assistant to the First Selectman downloaded the WPCA files from the former WPCA Chairman and First Selectman, Ed Bailey's town computer for use by the Land Use office and the WPCA Chairman.
Future project: print copies of the digital files for filing in the WPCA's "files by street address" located in the Land Use office.
- Set up an email address for the WPCA Chairman through the Town's system. Previously all correspondence was sent to and from the Chairman's personal email address.
- Pete Parker, WPCA part time employee reported the following:
 - #31 Algonquin Road - Simplex Grinder Pump failure:
Williamson Pump Co. corrected an electrical problem.
 - #32 Algonquin Road - Simplex Grinder Pump failure:
Williamson Pump Co. replaced the pump (original).
 - Kickapoo Road - Duplex Grinder Pump Station #13:
Williamson Pump Co. corrected a pump issue.
 - Iroquois Road - Duplex Grinder Pump Station # 2:
Williamson Pump Co. corrected a pump issue.The main pump station at Lake Beseck, Mattabeseck Road:
A malfunctioning low water alarm float in the wet well caused a false alarm. Blake Equipment replaced the high and low water alarm floats (original floats).

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

Minutes Prepared by

Gregory P. Makuch

Gregory P. Makuch, WPCA Chairman

