

Town of Middlefield, Connecticut



Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2025
Minutes

Call to Order by Gregory P. Makuch, Chairman at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: Gregory P. Makuch, Patricia Flynn, Ken Hogan, Robert Monthei and Peter Sibley. Also present: Rob Poturnicki, Ex-Officio (non voting) and part time WPCA employee. Absent: Nate Kirschner and Rob Poturnicki, Ex-Officio (non voting) and part time WPCA employee.

Motion by Ken Hogan to approve the agenda, 2nd by Peter Sibley. Motion carried.

Motion by Patricia Flynn to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2025, 2nd by Peter Sibley. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Lisa McCabe of the Lakeview Estates Association was in attendance. The Association has recently invested time and money to locate and adjust the Water and Sewer curb boxes for all 22 units. Cole Engineering located the curb boxes and a private contractor raised buried curb boxes to grade. Some boxes are still under paved driveways or brick pavers. Unit #9 was found to have a curb box cover marked "Water" over the sewer curb stop and a cover marked "Sewer" over the water curb stop. Lisa has expressed many times to this Chairman that the Town should have done more to prevent this from happening.

Old Business:

- 22 Lake Road was connected to the public sewer on April 28, 2025. Note: the as-built drawings by Fuss & O'Neill, Consulting Engineers, represent an 1.5-inch LPS (Low Pressure Sewer) line from the curb stop to a simplex grinder pump station in close proximity to the house. Neither a LPS nor a grinder pump station was undercovered.

- 24 Massasoit Road: the sewer lateral was disconnected on April 2, 2025. The sewer lateral was installed into the structure (cottage) but was never connected to the internal plumbing. This property was not being billed for sewer use. The demolition of the structure has not taken place as of this WPCA meeting.
- 32 Merrimack Road: Construction of the house has started (concrete foundation and some wood framing). Pending connection to the public sewer. The sewer assessment (\$15,223.38) has been paid. The connection fee (\$750.00) and sewer permit fee (\$25.00) are to be paid prior to installing the sewer connection.
- 43 Lake Shore Drive: the sewer lateral was disconnected on March 14, 2025. **Motion by Greg Makuch to authorize the Tax Collector to rescind (adjust-off) the sewer use fees for 43 Lake Shore Drive for the period beginning March 14, 2025 and ending upon the issuance of a new Certificate of Occupancy. The sewer lateral was cut and capped on March 14, 2025 prior to the demolition of the existing house.** **Construction of a new house is proposed for this location. 2nd by Ken Hogan.** **Motion carried.** The existing house has been demolished as of this WPCA meeting.
- Update: STEAP Grant for wastewater infrastructure improvements. DEEP has completed their technical review of the drawings and documents for the Brookside Pump Station. Brian Curtis P.E. of Jacobson Associates has proposed the following tentative schedule:
 - Advertise to bid June 2, 2025.
 - Pre bid meeting June 16.
 - Bid submission date June 30.
 - Notice of Award July 7.
 - Notice to Proceed July 21.
- Lakeview Estates: tested and inspected the two Air/Vac valves within Lakeview Estates. These combination Air/Vac valves are located at Unit #9 and Unit # 19.

New Business

- Peter Sibley, WPCA Treasurer presented an Operating Budget for the Lake Beseck Sewer District for 2026. This proposed budget for 2026 is in spreadsheet format showing the actual operating expenses for years 2020 thru 2024 and the expenses, year to date, for 2025. Discussion. **Motion by Greg Makuch to move forward with a sewer use rate increase for the Lake Beseck Sewer District of \$100.00 per year. 2nd by Peter Sibley.** **Motion carried.** The \$100.00 increase would be divided equally for each of the two billing cycles (October and April). The next step is to schedule a public hearing.
- Discussed the Pretreatment of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG), section of Chapter 370 of the Code of Middlefield. Discussed the four classes of food establishments as defined by the State Health Code. Pretreatment is required for Class III and IV food establishments.
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Report of System Repairs.

- 257 Baileyville Road, Duplex Pump Station #307. Heavy grease build-up inside the basin caused the pump to clog. Removed grease from the basin and pump. March 17, 2025.

- 38 Lake Shore Drive, Duplex Pump Station #38. Replaced pump with a barnes model# ZOGP2072L and the pressure sensor (ESPS-100). March 18, 2025.
- 83 Lake Shore Drive, Duplex Pump Station #83. Replaced the pressure sensor (ESPS-100). March 27, 2025. Pump is drawing 67 amps causing the 20 amp breaker to trip. Pump needs to be replaced. April 25, 2025. Replaced pump with a Keen model# KTG2-2401CSL. Heavy grease build-up inside the basin. May 1, 2025.
- Flower Development, Duplex Pump Station #54. Replaced the diaphragm on pump #1. Replaced two 40 amp breakers. March 31, 2025.
- 11 Lake Road, Simplex Pump Station #303. Replaced the pump with a Barnes model# ZOGP2072L. Replaced the pressure sensor (ESPS-100). April 22, 2025.
- 10 Pickawee Road, Simplex Pump Station #8. Replaced the pump with a Keen model# KTG2-2401CSL. Replaced the pressure sensor (ESPS-100). April 24, 2025.
- 15 Lakeview Place, Simplex Pump Station #330. Installed a one-foot basin riser. This work required unwiring and rewiring of the electrical.
- Chairman placed a notice in the recent Town Hall Newsletter regarding the proper disposal of cooking oil.

Adjourn

- **Motion by Bob Monthei to adjourn the meeting of June 4, 2025, 2nd by Patricia Flynn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Prepared by
Gregory P. Makuch
WPCA Chairman