

Point O' Woods Association  
Water Pollution Control Authority  
2019 Annual Report

The past year was largely uneventful without any major issues with our sewer system. A recent study of CT based sewer systems reports that the average yearly maintenance fee is \$450. We are pleased to report that our maintenance fee will remain at \$350 for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019-thru June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. Our volunteer board and part time technician deserve much credit for their ideas & work ethic that enable the POW WPCA to operate at 30% less than the average CT sewer system.

Our sewer system is entering its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation. We will continue with the preventative maintenance contractor in order to monitor any changes in operating efficiencies. We continue to fund a reserve account to be ready for any repair that may occur due to life expectancy issues.

Determining bioxide usage is still unpredictable. With data gathered for the last 2 years, the ability to correlate bioxide gallons used versus gallons of outgoing waste is still unclear. I'd like to thank Will Szestakow for constantly evaluating and charting waste flow so we can make comparisons. East Lyme uses a computer based electronic metering system to distribute their bioxide. Our board has discussed the investment. The board may decide to install that system when it becomes financially feasible. The costly system guarantees a 10% reduction however at this time our manual monitoring based on current usage is more cost effective than the saving realized with the capital expenditure. The cost of bioxide did increase .15 per gallon. It is the first increase in 3 years and this has been included in our new budget. Bioxide is one of the largest budget items and is under constant fiscal review.

An investment was made in a compressor air system which will help cut down on the extreme grease build up in our central station's holding tank. Grease requires constant cleaning by expensive outside contractors. Rick met with Waterford's WPCA who years ago installed the air system and had great success in controlling their grease build up. The initial feedback on our installation is showing similar results experienced by Waterford.

Adhering to the DO NOT FLUSH memo has helped homeowners with grinder pumps. Last summer was the first year where we did not have to replace a grinder pump and charge back the homeowner. Again please remind family, friends, and renters to abide by the DNF memo. Whether you have a gravity fed or grinder pump system, remember that our private sewer system was designed to handle gray water only. Adherence to the DNF memo helps keep our expenses down.

I'd like to thank the volunteer WPCA Board members, Dick Hrinak, Bud Phelps, Ken Russell, Will Szeszakow , and Bill Griffin for their dedication of both attending meetings and handling assignments. Our treasurer Rita Sulick and Bill Pape do outstanding jobs handling their respective responsibilities. Our ability to control expenses would not be possible without the time and effort of our part time technician Rick Frascarelli. His contributions and ideas are too numerous to list. We are very fortunate to have him available at short notice.

Please enjoy the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities at POW and another relaxing summer at POW.

Thank you,

Rich Ramondetta  
POW WPCA  
chairman