

WPCA Meeting
October 20, 2022 7 PM
Old Lyme Library
2 Library Lane, Old Lyme, CT
DRAFT MINUTES

Type of meeting: Regular

Secretary: Joan Lanzo

Attendees: Will Szestakow, Norb Church, Andrew Stifel, Bud Phelps, Angelo Chysoulakis, Dick Hrinak, Bill Griffin

Absent: Andrew Stifel

Remote: Helen Francis

Will Szestakow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approve Agenda:

Dick made a motion to approve the Agenda and Bud seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

Dick made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report from the 9-8-22 regular meeting, and Bud seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Helen stated that two homeowner invoices; one with a sewer issue and the other with a grinder issue, had been received and payment collected. She said that there was only one small unplanned expense of approximately \$360.00. She stated that 2 past due payments will be received very shortly. Helen also said that she researched interest rates and applicable savings products in which to invest excess funds, and found that Treasury Bill rates remain the highest. Therefore, she stated she will get the account opening paperwork to Will to move the excess funds.

Dick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bud seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Bioxide Report:

Will reported that for the month of September 2022, usage was 17.1 gallons, a slight increase from September 2021, and that month to date usage for October is 12.62 vs 16.11 for the same time period in 2021. He said that for the last two weeks of August 2022, central flow was 21,000 gal/day vs 28,000 gal/day for the same period in 2021.

Will reported there has been \$8,800.00 of expense with \$7,000.00 remaining in the budget.

Grinder Pump Report:

Angelo stated after a recent pipe cleaning, increased flow was realized. He stated this seems to be the common trend, significant build up occurs and requires a cleaning, after which flow increases substantially and then decreases significantly again. He asked if the WPCA has any historical data that could be used as a guide to determine good flow and to also be used to solve issues. The Board discussed methods to determine appropriate flow and operating parameters. Angelo stated he will research archived information at the storage shed in POW.

Chairman's Report:

Will thanked Angelo for his work on identifying which houses are served by which pumps and for creating a specific spreadsheet with this information.

Will stated that he attended an Emergency Response Plan seminar hosted by the Federal EPA department regarding appropriate actions and protocols during emergency situations and also how to create a response plan. He said that although the State of CT does not require an emergency plan for POW and the WPCA he will work on creating a plan during this winter.

Will also said that the control panel on Stanhope Rd was replaced and took only 5 hours of work. He said it was tested and is working well.

Will asked Dick to review a monthly report supplied by the Town of East Lyme regarding usage and to report any relevant POW usage at the monthly meetings.

Old Business:

Website Update:

The Secretary reported that the new website is in production and will house relevant information for meetings, minutes, and contact information. She said it will have an updated look similar to that of the POW website.

Adjournment:

Bud made a motion to adjourn and Bill seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.