

WPCA Meeting
April 13, 2023 7:00 PM
Old Lyme Library
2 Library Lane, Old Lyme, CT
AMENDED DRAFT MINUTES

Type of meeting: Regular

Secretary: Joan Lanzo

Attendees: Will Szeszakow, Norb Church, Bud Phelps, Angelo Chysoulakis, Bill Griffin,
Helen Francis

Absent: Andrew Stifel, Dick Hrinak,

Will Szeszakow called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Approve Agenda:

Norb made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of the required public notice for the May 4th meeting and sewer usage fee, and Bud seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

Bud made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report from the 3-9-23 regular meeting, and Bill seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Helen reviewed the proposed budget vs the current and stated the administration budget is consistent with the current year. She said the proposed budget contained a line item of \$56,000.00 for the expense of a part time technician for the WPCA operation. The Board discussed the need to hire a technician as current board members who perform enumerable hours of service at no charge will be stepping away from their duties within the next year so unless qualified residents volunteer for the duties and hours a hire will be necessary.

Helen stated this is the largest add to the proposed budget. She also said the new budget contains a slight increase for Evoqua as the price of Bioxide is increasing by 8% along with a sewer usage fee increase associated with charges from East Lyme.

Helen stated that due to the technician and a few other increases, the proposed budget contains a 31% increase from the current budget. She said this creates an increase from the current \$422.00 per household to \$575.00 per household or \$140.00 increase per household for the year.

Helen also said all lien payments are current except for 4 outstanding.

Angelo 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 March consumption was 122.2 gallons or 3.9 gallons/day. He stated a one-year contract has been signed with Evoqua with a fixed rate of \$3.31/gallon and \$385.00 for the monitoring system.

Pump Report:

Angelo said the flow of gallons/minute had been trending down until early March when the system was cleaned, including a removal of sludge. He said that after the cleaning the flow increased and is

maintaining at 250 gallons/minute. Will added that the cleaning was a 3-step process and included a complete cleaning including the wet well and pipes.

Rte 156 Update:

Bill reported that the design work has been completed and the State will replace the #112 manhole cover at no charge to the WPCA. The state has asked the WPCA for the cost incurred when the pipe from the Association to Rte 156 was installed. Bill said the State will need to cut and replace some of the pipe and is attempting to calculate the cost. Helen said she will locate that information from past financial statements.

Legal Report:

Norb stated he will work with the Secretary to publish the necessary notifications for the public notices.

Chairman's Report:

Will stated he had been contacted by the Old Lyme Beach Association with questions regarding the installation and operation of the WPCA. The OL Beach Association is undertaking sewer installation and will need to form their respective WPCA and was seeking advice from Will.

New Business:

Will mentioned several payroll increases to the proposed budget for the Treasurer and Secretary. The Board discussed the proposed budget increase creating the new \$575.00 household charge and discussion was had about the necessary involvement from the POW residents and the need for volunteers for the Board pending the upcoming retirements. Helen suggested creating a job description for the technician position and all agreed.

Will asked the Board to consider keeping the current annual premium and table the new costs to the 2024-25 budget, but all agreed the costs could be even higher next year and create even more residential burden with the next phase of the boat basin restoration.

Angelo made a motion to propose a budget containing an increase of the per unit sewer use charge to \$575.00 and \$115.00 for properties which have received an exemption from connection to the sanitary sewers. Said sewer use charge and budget to be considered at a public hearing to be held in May. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Angelo made a motion to set a Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Sewer Use Budget and Sewer Use Charge, to be held in the meeting room of the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Public Library, 1 Library Lane, Old Lyme, CT at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Bud seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Adjournment:

Bud made a motion to adjourn and Angelo seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.