

WPCA Meeting
September 14, 2023, 2023 7:00 PM
Old Lyme Library
2 Library Lane, Old Lyme, CT
DRAFT MINUTES

Type of meeting: Regular

Secretary: Joan Lanzo

Attendees: Will Szeszakow, Bud Phelps, Angelo Chysoulakis, Andrew Stifel, Helen Francis, Norb Church

Absent: Bill Griffin, Dick Hrinak

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

Approve Agenda:

Bud made a motion to approve the agenda and Angelo seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Citizen Speak:

Jim Barton, 23 Champion Rd, spoke and reiterated his position from the 8-10-23 meeting that he should not be charged for the replacement of a pump at his residence. He stated his belief that the pump failed due to excessive use during the spring flooding. The Board discussed the sequence of events from the pump inspection held on 8-11-23 and Will stated that the pump had also been sent to REM Company for inspection and to determine what caused the failure. The vendor determined that a bearing had seized but was unable to specifically pinpoint what caused the seizure. Will proposed a reduction in the cost of the pump replacement to Mr. Barton; \$2300.00 for replacement and installation instead of the typical market price of approximately \$3,800.00. Mr. Barton was still dissatisfied so Will asked each Board member for their input and upon further discussion, the Board decided the WPCA would cover the complete cost of the pump replacement and installation.

Secretary's Report:

Angelo made a motion to accept the minutes from the 8-10-23 Secretary's Report and Bud seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Helen reported she is preparing the financial information for the auditors to create the audited statements. She said that there are approximately 10 outstanding invoices for approximately \$11,000.00 but has been contacting those homeowners for payment. Helen also reported \$760.00 in unplanned expenses.

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

Bioxide Report:

Andrew reported that the monthly bioxide cost for 2023 has been \$1,000.00 vs the \$2,400.00 incurred in 2022. He stated there is a remaining balance of \$11,805.00 in the budget and the daily usage for this year has been 10.52 gallons daily vs 25.19 gallons last year 2022.

Pump Report:

Angelo reported there is currently a flow of 150 gal/minute and flow has been steadily trending downward in efficiency. He stated another cleanout of the system will need to be performed. Angelo also said that the H₂S levels has increased due to the extreme heat and humidity.

Website Update:

Joan reported that the website redesign continues but is nearing completion. She said she has been able to test the new site and is working on the final additions and changes.

Chairman's Report:

Will reiterated that an obstruction in the system has decreased flow efficiency and stated the proposed clean out will occur the week of 9/25/23. He stated the whole system will be flushed from our central station through Rt 156. We are also going to clean out the Wet Wells at the Stanhope, Noat Basing and Central station.

Will also stated there was a bioxide supply drop in early September and he noticed the quality of the bioxide looked cloudy and poor. He said he contacted the supplier who is working on a resolution to the issue.

Bud made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Angelo seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.