

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of the Public Hearing and meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on April 23, 2012, in the conference room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Messrs.: Ms. Sheridan, Messrs. Johnson, Lane, Pellegrino and Werner
ABSENT: Messrs.: Abercrombie and Freda
ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer
Mark Barrows, Veolia Water, Plant Manager
Charles Chiu, Maguire Group
Diane Cuomo, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Hearing – Proposed Sewer Connection Fee Increase (JB)

Mr. Werner read the following:

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 7-255, a public hearing will be held before the Town of North Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Water Pollution Control Facility located at 1122 Universal Drive in North Haven for the WPCA to consider and act upon a proposed increase to the Sewer Connection Fee charged by the Town of North Haven.

WILLIAM J. LANE, JR., SECRETARY OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE AND THE PROPOSED SEWER CONNECTION FEE INCREASE IS ON FILE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Let it be noted the Notice of Public Hearing and proposed Schedule of Fees were filed with the Town Clerk on April 5, 2012. Additionally, the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the New Haven Register on April 7, 2012.

**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF FEES**

PERMIT TO CONNECT TO SANITARY SEWER (RESIDENTIAL)..... \$ 35.00

REINSPECTION FEE \$ 25.00

**PERMIT TO CONNECT TO SANITARY SEWER
(COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL)..... \$ 75.00**

REINSPECTION FEE \$ 25.00

CONNECTION CHARGE/PER LOT *\$2,000.00

**PENALTY/DAY FOR VIOLATION OF RULES & REGULATIONS
OF WPCA.....\$100.00**

SEPTIC PUMP-OUT FEE (TOWN/SECOND PUMP-OUT) \$ 15.00

FEE FOR SEPTIC DISCHARGE AT WPCP –

A levy of \$62.00 will be charged for a tank load up to 1,000 gallons and \$.06200 for each additional gallon over 1,000 gallons provided the pH of the load is within the parameters of 6.5-8.0.

For loads outside the 6.5-8.0 pH parameters, yet still within the overall limitations (5.5–9.0), a charge of \$92.00 for a tank load up to 1,000 gallons will be levied and a charge of \$.09200 for each additional gallon over 1,000 gallons.

Approved by WPCA 11/22/99

***As proposed and noticed for the April 23, 2012 Meeting of the WPCA**

1. Public Hearing (Continued)

Mr. Bodwell, the Town Engineer, presented the proposed connection charge, per lot, at \$2,000.00.

There were no residents in attendance at the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Lane motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Sheridan. The vote was unanimous in favor. The public hearing concluded at 7:06 pm.

Mr. Werner called the regular meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Ms. Sheridan made a correction to the minutes on the January 23 meeting on page three, last line, changing "Mr." to Ms."

Mr. Pellegrino motioned to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Proposed Sewer Connection Fee Increase (JB)

Mr. Bodwell presented the proposed sewer connection fee, per lot, at \$2,000.00

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the proposed connection fee, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. WPCF – Plant Operations – status report (MB/Veolia Water)

Mr. Barrows advised there were no violations for January, February or March. He reported the cost of nitrogen increased from \$4.59 to \$5.42 per pound and our total cost for nitrogen for the year 2011 was \$29,675.00.

Mr. Barrows reported that we are still waiting for our NPDES permit renewal which was submitted in March 2011. We have been advised by the CT DEEP that our old permit remains in full force until the new one is issued.

5. F.O.G. Regulations (JB)

Mr. Bodwell advised that the Town Attorney has suggested that rates be set for applications / permit fees and annual inspections prior to the public hearing.

Mr. Bodwell advised in looking at Veolia's contracted fee schedule and the number of restaurants/food establishments in Town (approximately 110), the cost per establishment could be approximately \$600 per year.

A lengthy discussion followed on how to arrive at a mathematical formula to calculate charges to be able to arrive at equitable charges for the different types and sizes of the various food establishments.

The Commission asked the Town Engineer to survey surrounding towns regarding F.O.G. fees and inspections charges.

Mr. Pellegrino motioned to table this item pending further discussion. Mr. Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

6. Sewer Use 2010-2011 – 59 Potter Road (Rear)/Tondalo, Account #1146879 (JB)

The above owner has requested a waiver of the additional sewer use charge, in the amount of \$245.00, for the rear addition.

The Commission was previously advised that, the structure is considered a garage with a finished loft; the first floor is being used to repair the owners cars and the second floor contains a refrigerator, sink, stove and bathroom.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the interpretation of the WPCA Rules and Regulations pertaining to such structures and their connection to the sanitary sewer system.

The fact that the rear building is tied into the Town's sewer system through a separate connection from that of the front building was also discussed.

Mr. Pellegrino motioned a second sewer use charge shall apply to a separate/second connection. Mr. Lane seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Miscellaneous

a) Paul Rodman of Veolia Water requested approval to start phase 1 of the design phase for the Universal Drive force main project at a cost of \$6,500, which would be charged to their (contracted) repair and maintenance budget.

Ms. Sheridan motioned to approve the cost, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino. The vote was unanimous in favor.

b) Alan Asikainen, formerly with the Maguire Group, Inc., wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Commission for the opportunity and support given him over the years as he worked with and for the Water Pollution Control Authority.

c) On behalf of the Water Pollution Control Authority and the Town of North Haven, Mr. Werner acknowledged the passing of Bob Miller and paid tribute to his invaluable service as Vice Chairman and commission member for over 12 years.

8. Payment of Bills

None

9. Public Comments

None

10. Adjournment

Mr. Pellegrino motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.