

Approved Minutes

Minutes of meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on February 23, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Abercrombie, Lane, Pellegrino, Sheridan, Stamp and Werner
ABSENT: Freda
ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Cheryl Maratea, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Werner welcomed Mr. Earl Stamp to the WPCA Commission. He was appointed on February 5, 2015 at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. He is filling the unexpired term of Robert E. Johnson, term to expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Johnson's resignation from the commission was effective on January 22, 2015

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Lane motioned to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2014 meeting. Mr. Pellegrino seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. 448 Washington Avenue – The Breakfast Nook

Mr. Bodwell updated the commission on the ongoing issue with this restaurant. They still owe \$950.00 in penalties and fees. They have been notified regarding this on-going issue and of the numerous WPCA meetings, but have failed to respond to the letters or attend any of the meetings. The Commission requested Mr. Bodwell contact the DEEP to proceed with the appropriate action against this establishment

3. 35 Pool Rd – Sewer Use Fee

Property was split into another lot from 33 Pool Road in 2003. The homeowner at 35 Pool Road was never put on Sewer Use. The homeowner contacted the town in regards to never receiving a bill for sewer use. The town is only allowed to go back three years to charge for sewer use. The homeowner agrees to pay the past three years.

4. 138 Spring Road - Bill Adjustment

- Resident , owner of Nightingale Ranch is requesting bill adjustment for Sewer Use because most of the water is used for watering and bathing his horses. There is a two bedroom apartment not being used on this property. Mr. Bodwell suggests that a separate meter be installed on this apartment so the owner can be billed for usage only. The commission agrees with this suggestion. A letter, application for sewer use fee charged based usage and a copy of the rules and regulations concerning meters will be sent to the homeowner. There will be no adjustment made to previous bills.

5. 264 Mill Road - Bill Adjustment - Rear Garage

Resident (elderly couple) send a letter ever year stating that they do not use any water at the back building on their property – Documentation from the RWA is also sent with the letter yearly. The building has been disconnected from sewer service and the meter has been removed. The residents are asking to discontinue the need to send this letter every year. Mr. Bodwell will check with Veolia and the RWA to find the best solution for this resident.

6. 2 Broadway - Modification Form

After the 3rd F.O.G. violation was received by Moon Rise Cafe, penalty fees totaling \$750.00 – the owners came in with completed request for modification. Inspectors have verified the establishment does qualify based on the fact that this restaurant does not cook/use any grease in their daily operations.

The commission agreed to a \$200.00 penalty instead of \$750.00 - even though the establishment did not fill out and submit the form by the deadline. Moonrise Cafe will be notified of this reduction in penalty and reminded that the relief form will be sent out in August. The form must be completed and returned to the town by November 1st every year.

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

Mr. Barrows reported the plant is running very well. There have been no problems or violations to report. Nitrogen was at \$0 for the year. He also updated the Commission on the SCADA project. It is nearing the end and should be completed by next month. He also gave the Commission members a list of the capital equipment requests for the WPCF. This will be discussed after review by the members at the next meeting.

8. Miscellaneous – Elderly Relief Form

Confirmation that this form is still being used for elderly residents seeking relief from paying their sewer assessment. Elderly residents must have qualifying income or be disabled.

9. Payment of Bills – None

10. Public Comments – None

11. Adjournment

Mr. Werner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.