

Coventry Water Pollution Control Authority  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2016



**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Twerdy, Richard Brand, Daniel Murphy, Susan Jamaitus, Lyndon Wilmot

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Kiefer, Director of Public Works  
Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Matthew Twerdy called the May 5, 2016 WPCA Regular Meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. in the Coventry Public Works Facility, 100 Olsen Farm Rd. Coventry, CT.

2. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. The Minutes from the April 7, 2016 WPCA Regular Meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION 5-5-2016-1: To approve April 7, 2016 WPCA Regular Meeting Minutes.**

By: Jamaitus                      Seconded: Murphy  
**The Motion carried with the following vote:**  
For: Brand, Twerdy, Murphy, Jamaitus  
Against: None  
Abstain: Wilmot

b. The sludge hauling and tank cleaning bids were discussed. Due to new regulations mandated by EPA for sludge incinerators now is a bad time to get competitive pricing for sludge disposal. We are happy with our current vendor and compared to other municipalities feel we have a fair price for sludge disposal and tank cleaning.

**MOTION 5-5-2016-2: To extend the Sludge Hauling and Tank Cleaning bid contracts with Skips Wastewater Services until June 30, 2018 pending approval by the Town Manager.**

By: Wilmot                      Seconded: Murphy  
**The Motion carried with the following vote:**  
For: Brand, Twerdy, Murphy, Jamaitus, Wilmot  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

- c. Capacity of the sewer system/WWTP was discussed. Recent projections have shown that once all properties with sewers available connect to the system we will reach capacity. Staff will continue to inspect the system for sources of clean water and work to remove them. We will ask the Town Attorney about right to enter properties to inspect for sump pumps and other illegal connections. We will ask our engineering consultant if they have experience with capacity issues in other municipalities. The WPCA agreed that while they wish they could help the Town facilitate development with use of sewers it is unlikely that new connections to undeveloped lots can be approved at this time. Existing properties with failing septic systems will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Revisions to the WPCA Regulations, Ordinance, and Water Pollution Control Plan were discussed. Staff gathered Regulations from 5 other CT municipalities and they will be reviewed for formatting and content. Much more work is needed and review will continue during the next meeting.
- b. The status of construction projects was discussed.
  - i. Main Street project: Staff fielded several concerns related to blasting. Blasting has not been shown to have damaged any buildings.
  - ii. Lake Street sewer extension: Ledge was encountered in higher quantities than expected. CT DOT will negotiate additional cost for rock excavation with the contractor at cost plus, which the Town will need to pay.
  - iii. Bidwell Village: Almost all of the sewer mains for phase 2 have been installed. After the last manhole is complete pressure testing will be performed and laterals will be installed.

#### 5. WPCA STAFF REPORT:

- a. Mike Ruef presented the Treatment Plant Operator Report for April 2016.
- b. Mike Ruef presented the Collection System Report for April 2016.
  - i. Manhole rehab was discussed. The WPCA will pay \$3,000 for new manhole frames and covers to be installed on roads we are paving this year. Going forward we will budget \$10,000 per year with the goal of repairing 20 manholes per year.
  - ii. The sewer extension on Laurel Trail that serves 102 Spring Trail was installed 1 year ago via a Developer's Agreement. Staff have inspected the sewer extension and accompanying roadwork and the work is satisfactory.

**MOTION 5-5-2016-3: To accept the sanitary sewer extension on Laurel Trail constructed by Skips Wastewater Services through a Developer's Agreement with Richard and Diana Liberatore, 102 Spring Trail.**

By: Wilmot                      Seconded: Brand  
**The Motion carried with the following vote:**  
For: Brand, Twerdy, Murphy, Jamaitus, Wilmot  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

A copy of these minutes will be mailed to the Developers and the Construction Company.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION:**

- a. WPCA 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION 5-5-2016-4: To adjourn the May 5, 2016 WPCA Regular Meeting at 8:40 P.M.**

By: Wilmot                      Second: Brand  
**The Motion carried with the following vote:**  
For: Twerdy, Brand, Murphy, Jamaitus, Wilmot  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator

*\*These minutes are not official until approved by the WPCA at the next regular WPCA meeting.*