



Water Pollution Control Authority

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 2019**

MINUTES

Members Present: D. Parisi, E. Duell, J. Galeota, P. Gilbert, S. Koehler

Others Present: M. Gaston-Fuss & O'Neill, R. Grasis-Vernon WPCA,
T. Modzelewski-DPW

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Public Hearing: High Ridge Road Sewer Project and Stein/Ellington Avenue Sewer Extension

The following residents were in attendance for the hearing: Nancy & Ron Lemek-2 Stein Rd, Lisa Gottier and Peter Korbusieski-139 Ellington Ave, Chris McKechnie-145 Ellington Ave., Doug & Sharon Fox-10 Stein Rd, Judith Baker-12 Stein Rd, Thomas Martin-4 High Ridge Rd, John Garrow-10 High Ridge Rd and Jonathan Lucey-8 High Ridge Rd.

Marshall Gaston of Fuss & O'Neill described the sewer extension project on Stein Rd. It will service 10 homes with 8" pipe. The residents asked why the Town was extending the sewer line. Mr. Koehler stated that there were some in the area that failed and needed access to the system. Residents expressed their opinions that they didn't want to pay for some people who may have septic systems that fail. The lots in question are in the sewer service district which means at some point, the sewer will service the homes. If it turns out that the connecting cost is prohibitive, the WPCA will work with the resident. The resident at 139 Ellington Ave asked if his house was included and after looking at the plan, he was shown that it is. The resident from 12 Stein Rd stated that her well is not located where it shows on the plans. Mr. Gaston stated that any changes would be made in this phase of the project. He stated that they would be going out to bid in mid-summer to start and complete the repaving in the fall.

The question of whether there would be interest on the assessment if it is not paid came up. The residents asked for a list of houses that the septic systems had failed. The Chairman told those in attendance that the WPCA Administrator would send them each a letter outlining the benefit assessment costs and a list of those systems that failed.

Mr. Gaston then outlined the High Ridge Rd reconstruction. He stated that this would be a replace in place and that shallow drain lines would be installed for the sump pumps to connect. The Connecticut Water Company will be replacing the water main while the trench is open and then the road will be repaved completely. Tom Modzelewski-DPW stated that he would be meeting with the CWC's contractor on Friday and will recommend that they wait until the sewer is installed before replacing their water lines. This work will probably begin in early August. The question of installing gas was brought up. There has been no indication that they are interested in putting it in but if a resident requested it, they might consider it. The resident at 4 High Ridge was concerned about a large tree he has in his front yard and the placement of the drainage line. Mr. Gaston stated that they would work around it. The resident was adamant that he does not want it removed. There were questions about work times and whether there would be times that they could be blocked from exiting their driveways. Mr. Gaston stated that the contractor would work with the residents. This is also a good time for the residents to have the contractor assess their laterals.

Mr. Gilbert asked if the contractor could be required to use a FERNCO to attach the lateral to the line. Shawn Koehler also agreed that this would be a more secure connection.

3. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2019 Meeting

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2019 AS WRITTEN.

5. New Business:

1. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates

Last month the letter was mailed to DEEP requesting that 420 Somers Rd be included in the sewer service district. They are waiting for DEEP to approve Fuss & O'Neill as the engineer for the I&I study. When that is received the next step is to apply for the grant.

6. Old Business:

1. Accu-Time Update – letter sent to DEEP.
2. Country Pure Foods Billing – Town of Vernon invoice paid.

7. Administrative:

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

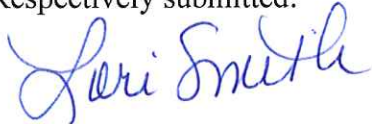
Tom Modzelewski of DPW stated that he knew that Fuss & O’Neill was looking to evaluate the wet well as the Vernon Pump station. August seems like a dry month, he would like to get the gate valve to open to do this. It is presently not operational.

ii. Other - None

Adjournment

**MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GILBERT) AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:35 PM.**

Respectively submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary