

**Beacon Falls Water Pollution Control Authority**  
**10 Maple Avenue**  
**Beacon Falls, CT 06403**



**BEACON FALLS**  
**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**October 20, 2020**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Subject to Revision)**

**1. Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Chair Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

**Members Present:** Jeff Smith (JS), James Weed (JW), Richard Komar (RK), Brian Swan (BS)

**Members Absent:** Charlie Edwards (CE), Robert Pruzinsky (RP)

**Others Present:** None

**2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Motion made to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2020 meeting. JW/JS, all ayes.

**3. Comments from the Public**

None

**4. New Applications**

none

**5. Old Business**

a. Nitrogen & Phosphorous Removal

JS – leave that on the agenda. Nothing more to be done until plant upgrade is complete.

b. Pump Stations

JS – no known issues.

c. Sewer User Fee Study

JS – on Thursday, we had a meeting with the COG and they want to figure out where the town stands, whether it is a full take over, partial take over or no take over at all. They will send us a survey with what we want. There are only two towns that do not have a user fee. JW – the problem is still the Nitrogen removal. JS – not really but we are still paying for credits. We are chipping away about what the State would want. We upgraded the electrical which was a requirement to avoid fines. We can turn around and say we want nothing to do with coordinating the plants together. JW- we need to know what the standards are, where we are and what it costs us now. JS – that is what they are doing now. They are going to be telling us how much the cost is depending on the package of involvement. The meeting discussed what it costs us to run the plant now versus what it would cost

for the State to run it. Derby is the worse one. Their plant is so bad. JW – so we do not really know what the cost will be. JS – the town is in good shape compared to the others. We are second, behind Naugatuck. JW – it would be good to have a report from Prickett. Can we ask Gerard if we can have him come for a meeting and tell us where we are? JS – Gerard put a hold on any more engineering from him at this time since the State is doing the study. JS – the user fee is something that they will have to figure out depending on what we chose. JS – please add COG to the next meeting agenda.

**6. New Business**

JS noted to add Manhole – Hockanum Glen to the agenda next month. BS – does that project have to go out to Bid? JS – if it is under \$5,000 then it does not have to go to bid. Any sewer work should go through this board but not everything can wait 30 days until we meet. JW – why has there been no notice of bids? BS – do we control that process? JS – us and the street department. Rob would be able to tell us more details.

JW – the only other new business is that Charlie is asking for the reduction from a 6-inch pipe to a 4-inch pipe. JS – the ordinance is 6-inch. JW – we need to know what the pros and cons are. JS – not much has changed. BS – we had 4-inch at one point. Have other towns downsized? JW – in the old days, the Engineer would come and give us advice. Section 5 of the ordinance says 6-inch pipe. BS – that is because someone put it at 6. JS – back then there was clay. BS – I do not think it makes that much of a difference. Maybe distance wise you might want to do a 6, but all the other towns require 6 so why do we have to change? JS – inside the house is 3 inch, going through the wall is 4 inch, outside it is 6 inch. BS – I am just asking the pros and cons. JS – if any reason you get roots in there it is hard to grow, 6 inches you still have flow. It is not bad to have 4 inch especially when there is less water typically in new construction. The State doesn't require to say 6 or 4. That is up to the town. JW – so do we call to have a public hearing to change the ordinance to meet the State code of 4 inch pipe to a certain pitch and 6 inch pipe to a certain pitch. JS – we can change the ordinance. JW – I move that we look into having a public hearing before our next meeting to match the State code with our town ordinance. BS – if the only reason for the change is to benefit someone on this board, then I do not know why the Town would need to change the ordinance. Is there a benefit for the Town to go from 6 to 4? JS – the only benefit is that if there is a low pitch, on a 6-inch pipe there is less water to move the solids down. BS- what does it benefit the Town to go from 6 to 4? JS – there is no benefit. BS – why do we want to do it then? JS – it only benefits the contractor. JW- how much does it cost to have the Engineer tell us? JS – I am not sure; I can talk to Gerard. JW – then let us have the Engineer come and explain the pros and cons.

**7. Payment of Bills**

- a. Invoice from Clerk - None
- b. Other Invoices - None

**8. Correspondence**

- a. Treatment Plant Monthly Report – none
- b. Budget – no information

**9. Miscellaneous**

none

**10. Petitions from Commissioners**

none

**11. Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:21 PM. JW/JS, all ayes

Respectfully submitted,

*Kerry McAndrew*  
*Clerk, WPCA*