

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



BEACON FALLS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Monthly Meeting
March 16, 2021
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

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

Members Present: Jeff Smith (JS), Robert Pruzinsky (RP), Brian Swan (BS), Charlie Edwards (CE), Richard Komar (RK), James Weed (JW)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion made to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting. RP/JW, CE Abstained, all other ayes. There was no meeting in February.

3. Comments from the Public

None

4. New Applications

JS – new pump station was built at Chatfield Farms. RP – they had a section that required a pump station for about 20 houses. They installed the piping in the fall and picked it up again in the spring. They did not notify the Engineer for the inspection and we found out about it. I spoke with our Town Engineer. JS – we need a contract of the inspection reports. RP – the Engineer has all the documentation. They received a Cease and Comply and are digging all of it up for it be properly inspected. CE – is valley health involved? If it is private, they should inspect it. RP – DeCarlo and Doll will submit a report and we should have it next month. CE – is IWWC notified? RP – yes, they have been dealing with DeCarlo and Doll also.

5. Old Business

a. Nitrogen & Phosphorous Removal

CE – we pay monthly? Do we buy credits? JS – yes, from the State. We are not buying like we were. They are down. We will keep this on until we find out more from the COG.

b. Pump Stations

JS – nothing new

c. Sewer User Fee Study

JS – keep it on until we can meet with Prickett.

6. New Business

- a. Hockanum Glen Manhole Cover – JS remove, but keep on the manhole. JS – the whole thing must be replaced. RP – second one in off Skokorat. BS – if you have gases coming from the dump and there is no backflow, that is volatile gas, and it may be deteriorating that manhole. Maybe there is a backflow preventer you can put in place. CE – the sewer line comes out near the entrance to the gravel pit. RP - We did a smoke test at 13 because we received an odor complaint. RP – does a backflow prevent gas Rich? RK – it should but it depends on how much flow. CE – the flap comes down against the door. Let us let the Engineer figure it out. JS – the houses do not have an issue anymore it is just the manhole that needs to be paid. **CE – motion made to have the manhole repaired according to the Town Engineers recommendations, RP seconded, all ayes.**
- b. Digester Project – JS – received an email regarding this cover. The cover was designed by Prickett. Kovac was awarded the job and they have done some work already. The Town, at the time to save money had Prickett order the cover. RP – it was delivered in 2019. JS – it has been sitting for a year because it is square. CE – what did we pay for it? RP - \$32,500. RK – who ordered the tank? RP – the previous administration. JS – so now Kovacs wants \$37,000 to retrofit this top for the round tank. RK – how much bigger is it? JS – its bigger and there are some modifications that need to be done. This also must incorporate the mixer, which is inside. RK – it is a composite cover that we do not necessarily need. JS – they must cut, weld and drill holes. The mixer weights over 2,000 lbs. and when I spoke with Kovac and Gerard, I told them I wanted to set up a special meeting to discuss. RK – who came up with them to do it. JW – there is no way the company would take it back? JS – no, they will say that they built it special for us. JW – what does a new cover cost? JS – I am not sure. The Selectman is asking us to vote to approve a \$37,000 increase for them to modify the top. CE – no, I would say we get 3 bids. RK – it is only sealed for snow. JS – the brackets and everything was not drilled etc., and every hole must be epoxied. RP – they also want to have CT Structural Engineers and the company to sign off because Kovacs does not want to be responsible for any structural fails. JS – on the support system that holds the mixer. JS – what is holding the mixer is not strong enough. CE – if we approve this money, how do we know the blueprint will support the mixer? RP – we do not have that. RK – where are they putting the mixer? JS – straight down at the bottom and the new one, the way it is designed, you would have to remove beams etc. CE – I make a motion that we ask for 3 bids on a new round cover that fits the tank and 2 additional bids for retrofitting the cover we have, BS seconded, all ayes.
- c. Ordinance Review - CE – I made a motion about a year ago to send a letter to the BOS to change the regulation so that from the street lateral to the house the contractor can chose to use a 4 in. or 6in. pipe, whichever is better. 6 in. pipe clogs more with the low flow appliances. I say we leave it up to the installers. JS – our ordinance says that we must have it approved by our Town Engineer before changing it. RP – we also want to make a flat fee for sewer permit fee and one inspection. JW – do not include the dollar amount so that if we need to change it in the future we can. **CE – motion made to update ordinance to have installer chose 4 in or 6 in pipe from road lateral to interior and to update fee schedule to flat fee of \$100 for sewer permit and one inspection, seconded by JW, all ayes.**

7. Payment of Bills

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

8. Correspondence

- a. Treatment Plant Monthly Report – none

Clerk noted that the report is provided for the BOS packet and will be shared with this board moving forward. Clerk also noted that the monthly reports are posted on the town website every month.

b. Budget – no information

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Petitions from Commissioners

None

11. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:32 PM. CE/JW, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry McAndrew
Clerk, WPCA