

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



BEACON FALLS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Monthly Meeting
May 18, 2021
MINUTES
(Subject to Revision)

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

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30PM

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tom Carey (TC)

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion made to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting. BS/RP, all ayes. There was no meeting in April.

3. Comments from the Public

None

4. New Applications

JS – nothing new at this time. No issues at Chatfield Farms or Pond Spring Village.

5. Old Business

- a. Nitrogen & Phosphorous Removal – JS – TC anything to comment on? TC we are using less than we did last year. We are at \$68,000 this year. Last year it was in the \$80,000. We have saved about \$11,000 this year. JS – did you received the check from the coalition? TC – I do not receive it and the payment usually goes to Finance.
- b. Pump Stations – JS – any issues? TC no issues with any of them, they all seem good. We flush them out every few months. There was one call, but we pulled the pump and cleaned it out, and it was freed up by the time the operator got there. JS – any problems with the stiffen? TC – last time it was jetted was a few months ago. We keep an eye on it constantly. JS – has it had a camera lately? TC – you can but you will just see water.
- c. Sewer User Fee Study – JS – that we have to talk to the First Selectman about. We have not heard from Prickett, so I do not know what is going on. I have not heard anything if the manufacture got back to Kovacs in regard to the stress on the mixer. TC – Kovacs is still talking to the roof company and no solid numbers have

been given back yet regarding torque etc. JS – they have to know how much torque that pump puts out. TC – it will only be on the night before we pump out. It will be used occasional not all the time. JS – I will put a call into them.

6. New Business

- a. Hockanum Glen Manhole – JS – we know it was deteriorating due to the gas, but I was worried about the gravel getting washed into the line. TC – we looked into coating it. JS - I think it has to be replaced. TC- It is going to keep failing unless the problem is resolved. JS – can we coat it before it is installed? TC – yes, the only other way is to take care of the hydrogen sulfate issue. JS – That is costly with chemicals. TC – and a storage tank. JS - I think we just order the new manhole and replace it because if not, it is going to collapse. TC – I have not received any odor complaints. JW – and that problem is from the dump? TC – that is not because of the dump, that goes straight down Skokorat. It is just an issue where the easement is on Hockanum Glen. TC – I know the one on the corner is terrible. JS – do you have time to pull it to see if it is corroding, because then we can replace both. TC – yes, I will take pictures and send them to you.
- b. Digester Project – JS – still waiting on this. TC – Trying to hold down the tank so when they are ready to go, it is less cleaning. Now we are dealing with Synagro we only get 2 runs out and when we used Stone, we could do 4-5 trips a day. Synagro takes sludge to New Haven so it is harder to get more runs. We are pumping sludge at least every day rather than once a week.
- c. Ordinance Review – JS – we will keep this on to review the Ordinances pertaining to this Board.
- d. Other – TC still installing the manhole on Fairfield Place so that if something happens, we can courtesy jet the line. JS – we had a back up on Hockanum Glen, sewage was coming into someone's house. They have an E1 pump, and we gave them the name of a company who could repair. We were not responsible. JS – we will have to appoint someone to fill Charles' seat.

7. Payment of Bills

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

8. Correspondence

- a. Treatment Plant Monthly Report – TC – I can provide you with the State report as well if you prefer. JW – how is the flow? TC – it is about 300,000 a day. There is infiltration, and when there is a wet season that LEACHATE flow goes up more and more. JS – is there an independent company testing it? TC – I can look, I am not sure who they use.
- b. Budget – no information

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Petitions from Commissioners

None

11. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting in memory of Charlie Edwards at 7:49 PM. RP/BS, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry McAndrew
Clerk, WPCA