



## TOWN OF LEBANON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Thursday July 28, 2022 7:00 pm  
Town Hall Lower Conference Room

Members present: Gregg Lafontaine, Jeff Arpin, Harry Anderson, Laurel Hennebury

Members absent: Tony Tyler

Others present: Jason Nowosad (WPCA Field Agent), Catherine McCall (WPCA Administrator)

### A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregg Lafontaine at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Lafontaine welcomed new member Laurel Hennebury to the board.

### B. Public Comment - Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Les Parlin, 21 Ryan Terrace spoke.

Mr. Parlin asked if the legal fees for litigation to enforce connections could be recovered from owners of those homes? Mr. Lafontaine said that yes, they had been informed they would be responsible for legal fees.

Parlin asked the purpose for the wastewater tank at end of the cul-de-sac and was told it is an emergency stand-by in the case of a system issues. It was installed for emergencies to minimize impact to residents. It is used only in an emergency repair situation.

Ms. Hennebury asked if the location of the tank was permanent? Mr. Lafontaine stated that the current location was decided by Field Agent during a recent emergency.

Mr. Parlin asked if the system gives any indication of an impending issue? The answer is no. He then asked if there are there any plans to put sensors in? Mr. Nowosad explained that we know of no way to do this. What WPCA is planning is to do additional system maintenance. The latest issues were all due to a buildup. Some of this was due to misuse, other was grease. He also explained that the more the system is used the better it works.

Mr. Parlin asked if there is any documentation kept of when the issues occur. He wonders if when people start using the system in the Spring if there are more problems. Mr. Nowosad and Mr. Anderson said there are increased issues in that time frame and much of it may be due to non-use for extended time. Buildup that may have been in the non-used system hardens and the backups occur.

Mr. Parlin indicated that some think landlords do not educate renters as to proper usage. He was assured that WPCA knows about this and is planning to address it.

Nowosad explained some of how the system works.

C. Minutes

- a. Approval of minutes from June 23, 2022 Regular Meeting

**Motion made by H. Anderson and seconded by J. Arpin to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2022 meeting with the following changes:**

**Item C. paragraph 3**

**The word 'should' removed in the second sentence**

**The word 'inpresurized' changed to 'in pressurized'**

**Add 'they' between 'and' and 'did'**

**Item C. paragraph 4**

**Change 'Jason' to 'Mr. Nowosad'**

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**Change 'The letter requests WPCA approval of the replacing of a tank and questioned if they can recommend competent contractors for installation' to 'The letter requests WPCA approval for the replacement of a tank and questioned if they could recommend competent contractors for installation'**

**Item H. item ii 3**

**Remove the second 'to pay' in the motion.**

**Motion approved 3-0-1.**

D. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Les Parlin – Discussed with Mr. Parlin above.  
i. Letter from Bruce Calif -Mr. Lafontaine will contact Mr. Calif to discuss his concerns.

E. Old Business

- a. Update on mandatory connections  
i. Lafontaine distributed a copy of an email from Attorney Catherine Marrion, Waller Smith & Palmer, regarding an update on the connection litigation and the steps WPCA needs to do to move forward with enforcing connections.  
b. Meter

- i. Last time Nowosad visited the sight the meter was in error. Right now, no one is doing meter maintenance. It has been functioning properly for most of the year and was calibrated last year. Calibration should be done again in a couple of months.
- c. System Maintenance
  - i. Savy and Sons who assisted during the last emergency has camera and jetting capabilities. Unfortunately, they do not have the ability to vacuum or pump which is periodically needed. They provide half and full day billing. That noted, the most cost-effective way to have them do maintenance is to bring them in for the entire day. Mr. Nowosad outlined some of the maintenance that should be done. He spoke to the Lebanon Fire Chief about flushing the system and there might be a possibility of that. This would only work for regular flushing – not in the case of a blockage as it might cause damaging pressure. The cost of regular maintenance is high, but the cost when there is an issue is also very expensive. Lafontaine indicated that there is a budget for maintenance, and it should be done. Progress on this should be reported in future meetings.

Lafontaine suggested that Savy and Sons be brought in for full days and an available Septic Service should be hired to pump.

Ms. Hennebury asked if there was a maintenance plan. Nowosad indicated that there is, but that it has not yet been put in place.

Pump replacement - pumps are replaced only when they fail. They are fixed up to a certain dollar amount and if over that threshold they are replaced. Lafontaine noted that we are approaching the life expectancy of the pumps. There is a fund set up for replacement purposes. Thus far we have been able to replace the pumps and stay within the yearly budget. Recent clogs have caused additional pump failures and caused expenses to go over budget.

Hennebury asked why there is no money coming from the town to support this system and Lafontaine explained that it was originally set up to be supported by the homeowners utilizing it.

Nowosad explained that this system is unique which it makes it difficult to engage companies to maintain it. We need to find someone with the equipment and time, who is willing and available to assist during emergencies. It looks as if a team of companies needs to be hired to do proper maintenance

Nowosad will begin bringing maintenance companies in by next month and will report on the status at the next meeting.

d. Reporting on sewage collected during outages

- i. The number of houses behind the latest outage was 101. The emergency team was taking out 8,000 gallons of sewage on weekend days and 6,000 during the week. It was noted that this amount coincides with the estimates we have made regarding overall system usage that goes to Hebron.

Nowosad reiterated that the use of the emergency tank saved a lot of issues during recent emergencies. He believes it can now be taken away. He suggests a 4,000-gallon tank be installed under the cul-de-sac to be used during future issues. This should effectively take care of flow for 12 hours at a time. He noted that an engineering firm should draw up plans for the best way to do this installation. He estimates it would cost no more than \$5,000. He will contact a few firms and come back to the WPCA with their estimates.

J. Arpin asked should the temporary tank is removed could it be brought back if necessary and was told yes. Ms. Hennebury will ask the Lake Association if they would be willing to store it somewhere. This will provide the quickest turnaround in an emergency occurs. She will contact them regarding this.

e. Hebron

- i. Litigation – No update currently.

f. Magnets

F. New Business

G. Field Agent's Report

- i. Service issues – Nowosad informed the WPCA that FR Mahoney was very supportive during recent emergencies.
- ii. He also noted that the cost of grinder pumps has gone up significantly. Lafontaine suggested that the board might want to revisit the fix/replace threshold. Hennebury suggested that other pump suppliers be investigated.

H. Financials

a. Invoices received

i. Invoices approved by G. Lafontaine

1. Wentworth Septic 6/29/22	\$24,570.00
2. FR Mahoney 6/27/22 7 Deepwood	\$587.65
3. FR Mahoney 6/27/22 140 Deepwood	\$393.68
4. FR Mahoney 6/27/22 113 Deepwood	\$401.35
5. FR Mahoney 6/27/22 130 Deepwood	\$837.65
6. FR Mahoney 6/27/22 46 Ryan	\$257.65
7. FR Mahoney 6/27/22 14 Kelly's Cor	\$430.00
8. Skips Wastewater Services 6/21/22	\$2,807.64
9. Town of Hebron	\$2,801.96
10. Evoqua monthly charge	\$305.00

The group reviewed invoices approved.

ii. Invoices requiring approval

**Motion made by J. Arpin and seconded by H. Anderson to approve outstanding invoices as follows:**

FR Mahoney 7/01/22 166 Deepwood	\$1,110.64
FR Mahoney 7/15/22 Air Valves	\$4,787.06
Waller Smith & Palmer, P.C. 7/15/22	\$420.00
FR Mahoney 7/21/22 27 Ryan Terr	\$3,894.00
FR Mahoney 7/21/22 178 Deepwood Dr	\$3,005.00
FR Mahoney 5/24/22 1 Scanlon Ter	\$398.41
Eastern Environmental Septic 6/22/22	\$5,100.00
Savy and Sons inv-1929	\$2,145.00
Savy and Sons inv-1928	\$2,480.00

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Review of budget reports provided by the town finance office
  - i. Mr. Lafontaine outlined the three (3) accounts WPCA has with the town. It was decided to have the Waller Smith & Palmer invoice come out of account 437.
- c. Review other financials – Mr. Lafontaine reviewed other financial documents.

- I. Topics for Next Agenda
  - a. Review maintenance schedule
  - b. Updated flow reports
  - c. Storage location of tank
  - d. Review FY 22/23 budget

J. Adjournment

**G. Lafontaine adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine McCall