

TOWN OF LEBANON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Remote Regular Meeting via Zoom
Thursday, September 24, 2020 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Gregg Lafontaine (Chairman), Tony Tyler, Harry Anderson

Members absent: David Hartley

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

A. Call to Order

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

B. Public Comment - Limit 2 minutes per speaker – No public comment.

C. Minutes

a. Approval of minutes from August 27, 2020 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Harry Anderson to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Tony Tyler. Motion carried.

D. Correspondence – Nothing to discuss

E. ??????? PRESENTATION FROM EVOQUA ON BIOXIDE MONITORING ??? Has this been arranged?? – This was taken up under Old Business

F. Old Business

a. Update on mandatory connections

- i. 129 Ryan Terrace has been connected and all work approved by the Building Inspector.

b. Meter

- i. Status – Flushing was done on Friday September 19, 2020. The system looks good and flow rate appropriate. Signal strength was 80. Gregg suggested that the signal strength be documented both before and after flushing. Today's reading was 344,900 gallons. On September 17th it was 319,490. Nowosad is keeping a spreadsheet.
- ii. Meter monitoring – Nowosad got a quote on this but is not prepared to report on it. His first thought was that it was quite expensive. He will follow up with the vendor to quantify the costs. Tony Tyler believes the monitoring may not give us the information needed. She suggests one

solution might be a camera that can be viewed whenever needed. Recording capabilities are available if desired. The Field Agent would be able to view it, and Hebron could also be given access. T. Tyler will assist Nowosad to research this option. It was agreed that a recording could provide valuable information.

- c. System Maintenance - Nowosad has no further information on this item beyond what was reported last month. The board would like this to proceed as outlined in August. Lafontaine noted that we should give Jay Tuttle the proposed schedule so that he can determine how to provide the manpower needed. Nowosad will provide that to him by the end of next week.

- i. Documentation of system maintenance requirements for private roads from Jay Tuttle – Nothing at this time.

- d. Report on meeting with Hebron – Tony Tyler, Gregg Lafontaine, and Jason Nowosad met with representatives from Hebron WPCA. Hebron indicated their frustration with previous issues. Lebanon explained that much work was done to correct them, but Hebron still doesn't agree with the numbers, believing they are low. They also noted they did not approve our new meter. They would like to charge for a usage of 150 gallons per home per day rather than having the cost based on flow as recorded by the meter. The Lebanon team explained that based on information gathered from CT Water Authority our homes are using a maximum of 42 gallons per day per household. Hebron suggested we might install a temporary meter after our meter to prove the efficiency of our main meter. Hebron's Chair would like to see Lebanon customers being charged the same as their patrons regardless of use. Currently the summary of all Lebanon's short payments using Hebron's estimate total just over \$33,000. T. Tyler indicated that we should explain our position on what we owe and how we are deriving our estimates.

Motion by Harry Anderson to authorize Tony Tyler and Gregg Lafontaine to negotiate with Hebron WPCA regarding amounts owed. Tony Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

- e. Remote Bioxide monitoring – Jason to contact Evoqua.

G. Field Agent's Report

- a. R. Mahoney service call(s) – outlined under item b.
- b. Other service issues / incident reports
 - J. Nowosad has been out to 116 Deepwood a couple of times to deal with issues there. The home is currently unoccupied, so it is not urgent, but he believes there is a blockage between the grinder pump and the street. Mr. Nowosad visited another home on Deepwood for a faulty pump. He worked with F R Mahoney on this issue.

Last month Nowosad also attended a problem with a grinder pump. It is noted that the grinder pumps are aging and will begin to present additional issues.

H. Financials

a. Invoices received

The Board reviewed invoices that Gregg Lafontaine has approved over the previous month.

A motion was made by T. Tyler to approve a short payment of \$3,000.00 toward the Hebron September 2, 2020 invoice with a note attached explaining that we are challenging the estimate used by them as compared with the data we have received from CT Water Authority. H. Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

b. Review of proposed budget – moving forward on this was tabled until we have further information regarding Hebron charges.

I. New Business

a. System shutdown

- i. Planning - G. Lafontaine and C. McCall will look for documentation regarding this item.
- ii. Communications

Tony Tyler made a motion to add the approval of next year's meeting calendar to the agenda. Harry Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

b. Approval of next year's meeting calendar – The following dates have been proposed for 2021. All meetings will be held via Zoom or at Town Hall at 7:00 pm:
January 28, 2021, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 18, December 23.

Motion made by T. Tyler to approve the calendar as discussed. H. Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

J. Topics for Next Agenda – none noted at this time

K. Adjournment

Motion made by T. Tyler and seconded by H. Anderson to adjourn at the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine McCall
Water Pollution Control Authority Administrator
Town of Lebanon