

Town of Lebanon
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Lebanon Town Hall
579 Exeter Road
Lower Level Conference Room
Tuesday, August 26, 2014 – 7:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Members Present: Bill Ingalls, Acting Chairman, Steve Farrick, David Martin

Absent: Yaw Nsiah

Staff Present: Brenda Bennett, WPCA Administrator

- 1.0 Call to Order Public Hearing – The Public Hearing was called to Order by the Chairman, B. Ingalls at 7:30 p.m. The moderator, S. Farrick introduced the members of the Commission and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to *“hear public comments as to why the Order to Connect should or should not be issued. Residents affected by the Order to Connect may present their individual hardship case(s) to the Commission at a future, regularly scheduled meeting.”*
- 2.0 Public Comment on Order to Connect -
 - 2.1 Peter Gandelman – 15 Cove Road; Stated he was confused by the certified letter he received regarding the Public Hearing; why can't the purpose for the an exemption request be heard tonight? How do you connect a house that is not liveable with no plumbing and electrical? What is the timing for the Order to Connect as 2/3 of the residences are “seasonal” and it's impossible to be here to contract with contractors and make meeting dates.
 - 2.2 Gary Roy, 15 Deepwood – What is an exemption and how do we do this?
 - 2.3 Delores Hamilton, 485 Deepwood – Will a financial hardship be considered as an exemption? Can a lien be put on someone's house for those who do not connect? Why didn't more federal and state funding/grants dollars help offset the cost of the Assessment?
 - 2.4 Kathy Fowler, 23 Deepwood – Expressed concerns why residents were asked to attend the meeting and “why are we here?”; consider the time of year your ordering the hookup, the condition of the ground, weather and expenses; possibly Spring to connect?;
 - 2.5 Tom Pacheco, 31 Louise – The effects of the economy is making it impossible to connect; there are many “for sale” signs on properties.

- 2.6 Bob Galbara, 124 Ryan Terrace – Paid his Assessment which was a huge burden; requested the Commission to push off the connection date and extend after the cold months.
- 2.7 Gillian Lyon, 84 Cove Road – What is the current water quality of the lake and have the sewers made improvements? The Commission stated there has been no water quality testing to their knowledge.
- 2.8 Allison Stec, 163 Deepwood – Why wasn't each property connected to the sewer system and made part of the overall construction/assessment; What will happen if we don't comply?
- 2.9 Donald Spooner, 11 Island Beach – When the 1st Site Plan Drawing was reviewed at a Public Hearing held at the High School, properties identified in "red" were the properties of concern. He has a working system and recommends this as an "exemption"; How do residents prove they have a "code compliant" system?. (The Commission stated to check with the Building Dept.); timing is bad, extend Order to Connect for 6 months or until next summer.
- 2.10 Ken Lavoie, 501 Deepwood Drive – Mr. Lavoie is a licensed contractor and to save money did his own work, residents cannot afford the fees to connect; there is a staff shortage in both the Building and WPCA office which makes it difficult to get his permit approved; where is the grinder pump going after 509 Deepwood Drive demolishes the house? Who do you appeal to if the Order is issued tonight?
- 2.11 Mr. Cote, 46 Ryan Terrace – Does he have to go to a separate scheduled meeting to have his exemption heard?
- 2.12 The Commission made the following statement to the audience – "We are not saying a code compliant system is exempt. We do not have the sole authority to grant and there are other departments that will have to do a review."
- 2.13 Attorney Scott Jezek, representing Mr. & Mrs. Schelberg, 40 Spafford Drive, encouraged the Commission to defer closing of the Public Hearing or defer the vote to issue the Order to Connect to the next scheduled meeting. Each person has their circumstances to address with other departments to position themselves for an appeal and the 21 day period is a concern.
- 2.14 Lynn Gulaski, 31 Woodland – Can you make the 120 day Order to Connect period longer and give residences another year, too much is asked of residence too fast (fees); how many people on the Commission?

- 2.15 Mark Anderson, 80 Ryan Terrace – Will exemptions be heard for code compliant systems and who will make the 1st decision, Building Dept. or WPCA?
- 2.16 Debra Decchuri, 61 Deepwood Drive – Is the sewerage system working properly? There is leakage on her road? The Commission will have the Field Agent look into this matter.
- 2.17 Gary Roy, 15 Deepwood Drive – He has received letters regarding his Easement which was not signed, what does this mean? He still needs to pay his Assessment? Why?
- 2.18 The Commission stated “As of this time there are no Permit Fees or penalties.”
- 2.19 David Benjamin, Geer Road – Provided information to residences on a “code complaint system” which is without any variances; no residence has been without service due to failures with the sewerage system.
- 2.20 Written Correspondence – Kathryn Lombardo, 25 Louise Road dated 8/14/14 – has financial hardship which does not allow her to hook up and is looking for assistance.
- 3.0 Adjourn Public Hearing – Moved by D. Martin and seconded by S. Farrick to close the Public Hearing and adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Administrator

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Bill Ingalls, Acting Chairman, Steve Farrick, David Martin

Absent: Yaw Nsiah

Staff Present: Brenda Bennett, WPCA Administrator

- 1.0 Call to Order Special Meeting – The Special Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:32 p.m.
- 2.0 To Consider, Adopt and Authorize Signing of Order to Connect – The Commission discussed the timing/ season of a 120 day Order to Connect which would bring residents into the winter months; what, if any, would allow for extensions and exemptions?; acknowledge fairness to those residents that have connected during the “voluntary” connection period; there are questions/ concerns about the Order to Connect - 21 day appeal period to the Superior Court and will need legal counsel’s opinion. The Commission agreed to postpone the decision until the 1st Regular Meeting in September and look at ways to make the wording of the legal documents into “laymen’s” terms. The Commission will seek counsel’s availability for attendance at 1st meeting in September.
- 3.0 Adjourn Special Meeting – Moved by D. Martin and seconded by B. Ingalls to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Administrator