

# TOWN OF LEBANON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Thursday May 27, 2021 7:00 pm

## Minutes

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

Members absent: David Hartley

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

### A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

### C. Correspondence

- a. Letter from FRMA – Cathe McCall will work on this with Tony Tyler.

### D. Minutes

- a. Approval of minutes from April 22, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Motion made by Tony Tyler to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Harry Anderson. Motion carried.**

### E. Old Business

- a. Update on mandatory connections – There are six mandatory connections currently awaiting action. Jason Nowosad asked how to proceed if the homeowner was opposed. Gregg Lafontaine is speaking to Counsel concerning this.
- b. Meter – Nowosad did a reading recently. He noted that the numbers have been consistent, and the meter appears to be working properly. He shared data collected since November 2020 through now with the Board. Based on what this information shows, using water flow information from CT Water Company is higher than sewer use.
- c. System Maintenance – Wentworth Septic is still working on the truck which has caused some delay in the expected maintenance. Meter and some line flushing will begin tomorrow. Gregg Lafontaine noted that initial expenses with Wentworth will be higher than normal as there are a number of items that need to be done in addition to regular maintenance. That said, the first year may present unexpected costs.

- d. Hebron – Mr. Lafontaine explained that last month’s payment was prorated to what this Board believes are the proper numbers. He noted that there were some extra charges on the bill for additional work done. Mr. Nowosad questioned why these charges were added to Lebanon’s invoice. Mr. Lafontaine said that we are already paying for maintenance and he would talk to counsel concerning this. Nowosad reminded the Board that we pay for a portion of their total maintenance budget already. He feels we should not be paying a percent of their entire system maintenance, but rather it should be for a portion of the system we are flowing through only.  
Mr. Lafontaine also explained that our Counsel’s efforts to address the billing issues are moving slowly as they are awaiting discovery documents from Hebron. He would also like to obtain up to date information from CT Water Company regarding flow.

**Motion made by Tony Tyler that contact should be made with Connecticut Water Company to obtain an updated report on water flow for Amston properties. The motion was seconded by Harry Anderson. Motion carried.**

F. Field Agent’s Report

- i. FR. Mahoney service call(s) – There were a couple of incidences with one requiring a total pump rebuild. There were also electrical issues reported that Mr. Nowosad took care of and odor complaints caused by insufficient Bioxide. The Bioxide flow was increased, and the problem was alleviated.
- ii. Other service issues / incident reports – No others reported.

G. Financials

- a. Invoices received – The Board reviewed invoices that have come in over the past month. Mr. Lafontaine asked Jason Nowosad and the Board their thoughts on how much should be taken from WPCA reserves for grinder pump replacements. Pumps cost approximately \$2,600 each and there are over 300 installed. They will eventually need to be replaced. The stated lifetime of the pumps is seven (7) years. The Board felt that for now it can be absorbed, but the situation should be monitored.
- b. Review of budget reports provided by the town finance office – The Board reviewed these reports.
- c. Review financials – Mr. Lafontaine shared a spreadsheet with the group that he created containing additional financial information. Tony Tyler asked what the WPCA reserves are. Mr. Lafontaine did not know but will ask the finance office and report back.

H. New Business

- a. Future meetings – The Board was asked its preference between in-person and Zoom meetings going forward. No one was opposed to meeting in-person.

I. Topics for Next Agenda – none identified.

J. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn made by Tony Tyler at 7:58 pm. Motion seconded by Harry Anderson. Motion carried.**

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