



## TOWN OF LEBANON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Thursday August 26, 2021 7:00 pm

Town Hall Lower Conference Room

Members Present: Gregg Lafontaine (Chairman), Harry Anderson, Tony Tyler (via phone), David Hartley

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

### A. Call to order

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

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

Joyce Clark, 6 Deepwood Ave representing the Amston Lake Health Committee spoke. She has been attending these meetings to understand and track outstanding connections. Though having seen significant progress, she would like to confirm how many connections remain pending, and their expected connection dates. She understands there will be push-back from some homeowners that will need to be addressed by legal action. Ms. Clark would also like to know if the Board feels the effort will extend into 2022.

### C. Correspondence

- a. Contact from Philip & Sarah Nichols 283 Deepwood Drive, Hebron, CT.

Philip Nichols attended and would like WPCA to reconsider the possibility of putting in an automated system to address odor issues.

### D. New Business

- a. Easement Adjustment – Mike Roman

- i. 56 West Woodland

Jason Nowosad spoke to this item. A new house is being built on the property. The proposed easement adjustment will reduce the amount of sewer line the town is responsible for which he sees as a positive change. The homeowner has been informed that all costs associated with this change will be paid by him. Lafontaine asked if we have all necessary documentation and Nowosad answered that all of this will be received.

**Motion made by H. Anderson to allow the easement adjustment for 56 West Woodland as proposed. D. Hartley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Grinder Pump relocation – Dan Brancard

i. 412 Deepwood Drive

Don Brancard presented. Mr. Brancard is rebuilding a home that will be a bit closer to the road than the current dwelling. Rather than encroach on the current easement, he would like approval to relocate the grinder pump. Mr. Nowosad sees no issue with it providing it is inspected and done at the homeowner's cost. Permits will be required.

**Motion made by H. Anderson to allow the grinder pump relocation at 412 Deepwood Drive as proposed. D. Hartley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Minutes

a. Approval of minutes from June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Motion made by D. Hartley to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting. H Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

F. Old Business

a. Update on mandatory connections

Additional homes have been connected. Two left unconnected are currently under construction. Remaining properties are holdouts that may require taking to court. Some properties we have not been able to address as they are in bankruptcy. Lafontaine explained that once they come out of bankruptcy we can move forward but would be looking to address multiple properties at a time. Nowosad noted that at least one is uninhabitable, and one is possibly in estate proceedings. That leaves four (4) to be connected at this time.

b. Meter – Latest flushing was done in July. The meter needs recalibration as it's been a year since it was last done. Napa Engineering will be brought out to do that. This should be done by the end of September.

c. System Maintenance – Not much additional flushing has been done. We are seeing an increase in pump failures and expect more based on the aging of equipment. Nowosad suggested that the board might want to look at the cost threshold that warrants a replacement verses a repair.

d. Bioxide Monitoring – The pump administering the Bioxide was out of service at one point because of a power outage. Nowosad had also received calls for odor in the Sunset Drive area. Bioxide injection amount was increased, and the system has been fine since. He suggests leaving it at current levels until after Labor Day weekend. The amount of Bioxide needed is a bit of a guess.

Monitoring would be proactive and is done by watching various chemical levels. At this time, we are guessing what is needed and might be using more than necessary. Nowosad believes it would be a good idea to have monitoring in place. Lafontaine asked if there was a schedule of when Bioxide levels should be increased. Nowosad believes it should be raised early in the season. Lafontaine suggested mid-May through the mid-September.

e. Hebron

Last billing period Lebanon paid less than what was billed based on our determination of what is an appropriate charge. Regarding the litigation from Hebron, they have only recently supplied our legal counsel with requested documents. Lafontaine noted that Hebron is building a new substation and they would like to charge Lebanon for a larger portion of this project.

G. Field Agent's Report

- i. FR. Mahoney service call(s) - No further information
- ii. Other service issues / incident reports – No further information

H. Financials

- a. Invoices received – No questions from the board regarding invoices. Lafontaine pointed out that the Mahoney call frequency and costs are increasing.
- b. Review of budget reports provided by the town finance office – Review done
- c. Review financials – Evoqua invoices are above budget as are Mahoney charges due to grinder pump replacements. Miscellaneous costs are also somewhat above budget as are Hebron bills. Even with noted increases 2020-21 fiscal year still came in within budget. Lafontaine agreed with Nowosad that if the cost of replacement pumps becomes higher than budgeted for, we can tap into dedicated pump replacement funds. There is also available undedicated fund balance.

I. Topics for Next Agenda – nothing identified

J. Adjournment

**Motion made by H. Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Motion seconded by D. Hartley. Motion carried.**

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