

Town of Lebanon  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
TOWN HALL, LOWER LEVEL  
Thursday, June 13, 2013 – 7:30 PM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Brandon Handfield, Chairman, Yaw Nsiah (7:32 pm), Al Wilder, David Martin, Steve Farrick, Dave Benjamin (7:31pm), Paul Oliver

Also: Brenda Bennett, WPCA Clerk

1.0 Call to Order Regular Meeting - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

2.0 Public Comment –

2.1 Keith Wentworth, Wentworth Septic Service, LLC, requested the WPCA provide more information for the public with regards to the process of hookup and the status of the order to connect; Contractors have no specifications to review prior to work, is there a handout?; Authorize septic installers to complete the work; Can homeowners pull their own permits? The WPCA answered “no”.

2.2 Homeowner, 33 Sunset Drive, a seasonal residence, looking to hook-up before leaving in September and requests more information regarding hookup and the issuance of the Order to Connect.

2.3 Ron Niemczyk, 33 Kelleys Corner, requested further information on the grinder pump unit and whether the power needs to remain “on” during the off season for seasonal residents?; Can a penalty system be instituted for the homeowners that abuse the system and the operational costs associated with more than 3 service calls? The WPCA stated that a list of the items that cannot be disposed of in the system will be mailed to homeowners and the homeowner will pay for those repairs.

2.4 Resident, 413 Deepwood Drive, seasonal resident, requested further information on the type of license required for an electrician and requested a list of recommended contractors. The WPCA stated that this is public information in the daily permit log book in the Building Department and the WPCA will not make contractor recommendations.

2.5 Jim Bacha, 178 Deepwood Drive, a new home construction and is not connected to the sewer system and has abandoned their existing septic tank. He has expressed concerns for a timely issuance of the Order to Connect and needs the order to be issued to receive his C.O. from the building department.

2.6 Sandy & Tony Rigazio-Digilio, 190 Deepwood Drive, emailed the WPCA regarding a concern with a curb incline at the top of the road causing driveway concerns. Would like the driveway patch down the middle of their driveway returned to its original condition, the work is not satisfactory. Also expressed concerns with the neighbor’s property at 196 Deepwood Drive. Please communicate via email.

- 2.7 Hans Kilbourne, 290 Deepwood Drive, is not satisfied with the patch work done on his driveway where the piping was installed; this decreases the value of the homes due to shoddy workmanship; and his lawn/seeding is also not satisfactory.
- 2.8 John Fiderio, contractor, 500 Deepwood Drive, would like to discuss the proposed addition in the easement.
- 2.9 Steve Ushinski, USA Construction, is there a handout for homeowners to inform them of the sequence of work to be performed? Are there freezing concerns with the tank? What are the licensing requirements for contractors? What is the pipe size from house to sewer? (ABS Schedule 40); What is the bond amount? WPCA recommended that he submit a list of comments to be forwarded to Fuss & O'Neill.
- 3.0 Approval of 6/4/13 Special Meeting Minutes. Moved by P. Oliver and seconded by D. Martin to approve the 6/4/13 Special Meeting Minutes with the following amendments: Also present: remove Ed O'Connell, add Matt Kinnel; Paragraph 2.1.1 – remove “and add “omit”; add a “\$) to 328.50; Paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 – Resolution title corrections: Sanitary Sewer User Charge Resolution for The Lebanon Amston Lake Sewer District and Sanitary Sewer Benefit Resolution for The Lebanon Amston Lake Sewer District; Paragraph 3.2 – VOTING NAY: P. Oliver. Motion unanimously approved.
- 4.0 Correspondence –
  - 4.1 Jessica Satonick, 52 Ryan Terrace, email dated 6/9/13, questions of frontage for a seasonal cottage and cost of paying a flat rate for the frontage. Response: “This is not a sewer use issue.”
  - 4.2 Beth Sullivan, 38 Deepwood Drive emailed dated 6/10/13 regarding drainage concerns.
  - 4.3 Preston Records, Lakeview Heights, email dated 6/11/13 with attached colored-photographs depicting a pile of dirt which he believes was left on his property from the construction and he would like it removed. After further investigation and review of the pre-construction survey, both the contractor and the engineer determined that the pile of dirt was pre-existing. A review of the pre-construction video will be done by the WPCA and a recommendation will be made.
  - 4.4 Sandy & Tony Rigazio-Digilio, 190 Deepwood Drive, emailed dated 6/13/13 regarding driveway repairs and access issues. Further investigation will need to be made before determination of repaving the driveway. B. Handfield has driven by the property and stated that the patch was aesthetically not an issue.
- 5.0 Project Update - There is no project update received by Fuss & O'Neill; B. Handfield met with East Hampton/Joint Facilities to tour the site and price the maintenance for the Lebanon Sewer System. East Hampton is familiar with bioxide and they may need hourly training for the flow meter. WPCA will await a proposal before considering going out to bid. Fuss & O'Neill is preparing a proposal for the purchase of a 5-year extension through grant funds for the electrical for an estimate of \$60,000 which could reduce user fee assessments. B. Handfield met with Hubble Construction and Fuss & O'Neill to obtain prices to regrade and pave with a 2" stone aggregate on dirt road (possible grant funding).

## 6.0 Application Review –

- 6.1 Marge Nichols, 18 Spafford Drive, proposed construction of a shed within 24' of the grinder pump. The foundation will be constructed of cement blocks and will be stick-built. The WPCA approved the application as presented.
- 6.2 Spafford Drive, (no property address), property of Sylvia Tazbir, Memorandum from Town Sanitarian dated 6/12/13 stating "It is my opinion that this lot could have a code complying subsurface sewage disposal system installed and therefore should be permitted to connect to the sanitary sewer system." WPCA is requesting further details on the plan and not a preliminary. No consideration was taken at this time.
- 6.3 John Fiderio, contractor, 500 Deepwood Drive, owners are Michael & Ann Buchas, proposing a 12'x14' addition on the back of the house within the easement. More detail is needed on the plan due to the fact that the addition is too close to the pipe and how will the pipe be protected? The WPCA recommendations are as follows: 1) Hire an engineer to review; 2) Prepare an existing and proposed plan; 3) Address footing drain on the plan and type of pipe for footing drain; 4) Plans must be an engineered, stamped plan.

## 7.0 Old Business -

- 7.1 Order to Connect – Sewer Connection Applications, Plumbing/Electrical applications will be available for pickup in the Building Dept. on Friday, June 21. A \$5,000 Surety Bond will be required from each contractor (plumbing/electrical), a copy of contractors' Certificate of Liability Insurance, and proof of licenses will be required. A letter of the Notice to Connect will be mailed to each resident on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 8.0 Possible Action Item –

- 8.1 Moved by D. Martin and seconded by P. Oliver to accept the letter for connection and the amendment to include: bonding, insurance, start date, deletion of fees, item #5 change "will" to "may" all subject to final review by Fuss & O'Neill and final approval to be made by WPCA Chairman, Brandon Handfield for the connection letter. Approved: P. Oliver, A. Wilder, Y. Nsiah, S. Farrick, B. Handfield, D. Martin Opposed: D. Benjamin. Motion passed.

- 9.0 Adjourn Special Meeting – Moved by D. Martin and seconded by P. Oliver to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:55 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Bennett, Clerk

Dated June 24, 2013 (*Minutes are unapproved as of transcription date.*)