

Town of Lebanon
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Room
Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 2019 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – C. Morris-Scata, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Members Present: Chairman, C. Morris-Scata, Treasurer, S. Farrick, H. Anderson, G. Lafontaine

Staff Present: J. Nowosad, Field Agent, C. McCall, minutes

Absent: D. Harley

2. Correspondence
Discuss and act upon correspondence received
 - 2.1 J. Polulech P.E., Civil Engineer – Amston Lake Association – The board received correspondence reporting an issue. The problem concerned town roads and was therefore forwarded to the First Selectman's office to be taken care of by Public Works.

3. Minutes
Discuss and Act Upon
 - 3.1 Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2019 regular meeting - H. Anderson motioned to approve. S. Farrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Field Agents Report
Discuss and Act Upon

- 4.1 Service Issues

- 4.1.1 F. R. Mahony Service Call(s) – J. Nowosad was called to 108 Ryan Rd which was reporting intermittent alarms. When he arrived, the alarm was quiet. He was called back another two times for alarms that were again not sounding when he got there. He contacted F. R. Mahony concerning this and has had no report of issues since. There was another location on Deepwood that had reported an alarm.

During regular hours it would be good to have J. Nowosad contacted first. He could assess the situation and call Mahoney if need be. It was suggested that a text would be best.

- 4.1.2 Other Service Issues – Landscaper (TruCut) expected tomorrow at 52 Lakeview Heights to complete work needed. TruCut is owned by Dillon Sabo and Steve Sparks. C. Morris-Scata

suggested Nowosad have the customer contact TruCut directly for scheduling and coordination.

4.1.3 Flow Meter – Recorded Flows - J. Nowosad has an appointment with Jim Coles P.E. on Monday. He will request flow calculations and verification that the system is in gravity. C. Morris-Scata noted all findings should be put into report form for future use.

Nowosad noted that the install for this property does not match the system drawings.

4.1.4 Flow Meter – Replacement - Installation Date, and Fee (Magnetic Meter Replacement) – Nothing to report

4.1.5 Flushing Schedule & Costs – J. Nowosad asked Keith Wentworth for pricing nine months ago and has not received that quote yet. He also contacted another firm in Coventry who indicated they do not flush. The board agreed that a flushing schedule is needed. S. Farrick presented a sample schedule that had been proposed by another group several years ago. It is a detailed outline of how and when the flushing should be done. This would be useful for the board and anyone doing the pumping alike. Nowosad will ask again for a price for presentation at the August meeting. He will also solicit other bids for this service

There are no other issues now. There was a smell reported at one point, but it's no longer present.

5. Financials

Discuss and Act Upon:

5.1 Treasurer's Report – The report was presented. Flow rate and identical for May and June. S. Farrick questioned this and was told that it was correct. The invoice has already been approved.

Farrick also noted that the budget is approximately \$30 in the black at this time. Last year the budget was \$7,000 in the black. Regardless, we are on the projected budget which is good. Farrick also presented a series of graphics that 1) show flow rate per month from 2016 to present, and 2) showed a straight-line deficit of money.

S. Farrick does not have the new 437 budget numbers from the Finance office yet. There have been no significant expenditures except for the lawyer fee of over \$800 dollars. We expect flow rates and billing rates to drop over the next year.

S. Farrick noted that he is resigning from the board. All thanked him for his service.

5.2 Invoices Received (Mahoney, Evoqua, Others) – No discussion

5.3 Town of Hebron Flow Rate Charge– 2019-2020 – No discussion

6. New Business

Discuss and Act Upon New Business

6.1 New Sewer Applications Received – 5 Scanlon Terrace: Currently being renovated and will require hook up to the system. J. Nowosad is working with them. The grinder pump is already in place.

6.2 Incident Reports – Nothing to report

7. Old Business

Discuss and Act Upon Old Business

7.1 Properties Not Connected to Amston Lake Sewer System –

There was discussion on how homeowners might be compelled to connect if they have not already done so. J. Nowosad has looked at all properties in this category. Most of these homes are empty and therefore not polluting which is positive.

In some cases, the property is part of an estate and it would be difficult to communicate with those responsible. G. LaFontaine cautioned that even if a property was in probate it could be rented. He said that it's possible the organization that rents out the home may not even know of the problem. Perhaps a letter could be sent to known contacts for each property.

Nowosad talked to one homeowner that stated she could not afford to do the hookup.

J. Nowosad suggested the possibility of the properties being deemed uninhabitable by the State Department of Public Health, but they will not do that unless the septic fails.

He will talk to our representative from the Uncas Health District about this and as Building Inspector he too can condemn properties based on condition where applicable. J. Nowosad went through the unconnected list and gave a brief description of what he has seen as far as habitability. He believes there are approximately five that can be condemned.

C. Morris-Scata thinks we need a statement from Uncas Health regarding possible pollution issues as they pertain to these homes.

Nowosad stated that any property occupied and not connected should be made to do so.

7.2 F. R. Mahony Contract - The proposed contract will be effective through June of 2020 with provision for two one-year extensions.

It was again noted that the Board would like it if J. Nowosad was made aware of issues through a text message prior to Mahony being brought into an issue. This is something that can be discussed with Mahony.

Contracts in the past were presented on a yearly basis and cost approximately \$35,000. This contract is on a per-call basis. Last year with only 10 calls the charge came to \$8,500.00.

S. Farrick reported that the work done by Mahony has not been put out to competitive bid, and the Board has not solicited from other companies. There was discussion questioning if this should be done, but it was noted that the experience and costs have been good, and with our positive history with the company we do not believe others need be requested. J. Nowosad also noted that it might be difficult to find someone who can service the pumps currently installed. Many would swap out pumps for another type should a problem occur, and that might cause long-term issues with a mixture of equipment being in place.

G. LaFontaine motioned to accept the contract, H. Anderson seconded, and the motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.

7.3 Evoqua Contract – The Bioxide price increased in this contract, but otherwise the cost is staying the same. We can get a two-year contract which is good. It was noted that Bioxide price is going up overall and that the price we would be charged was reasonable.

H. Anderson motioned to accept the contract, G. LaFontaine seconded and the motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.

7.4 Update on 52 Lakeview Heights – Rock Removal – No discussion

8. Topics for Next Agenda

Unconnected properties

Report from Attorney on unconnected properties

Replacement of Board Treasurer

Meter installation

9. Adjournment – S. Farrick motioned to adjourn. G. LaFontaine seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathe McCall