



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting Minutes

Chairman
Ed Lynch

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Board Member Monir Tewfik
Board Member Sharon Wadecki
Board Member Stanley Juber
Board Member Edmond Lynch
Alternate Member Tony Capon

Excused Board Member Terry Jones
Alternate Member James A. Ball
Alternate Member Jeremy Norris

Also in attendance:
Mauricio Duarte, GU General Foreman Water Operations.

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Tony Capon was appointed as a voting member for Terry Jones.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2023, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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EXCUSED 3 Jones Ball Norris

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**1. Operations Report.**

Groton Utilities discontinued blending of raw water.

GU is still monitoring the THM levels. Chairman Lynch asked if THM levels change during the winter. Mr. Duarte replied that typically the levels go down in the cold weather.

Chairman Lynch asked if GU monitors hydrant flushings, Mr. Duarte replied yes.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Service Correspondence.

None.

3. Aged Reports/Finance.

No anomalies in collections.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Year to Date Water/Sewer Report.

Chairman Lynch said it appears like more water is being used.

Sewer - Chairman Lynch noted that the chemical line is a bit lean, he guessed because Steve Banks, WPCA Supervisor buys the chemicals all at once, Ms. Wadecki confirmed.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. PSR - Steve Banks.

No comments.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS**1. Review of Trail/Sewer line bids continued.**

Chairman Lynch mentioned that he spoke with Mathew Jermine, from Weston and Sampson. Mr. Jermine said the quote is taking longer because there is a wetland impact and a survey needs to be completed. The quote should be ready in early January. Chairman Lynch will talk with Kevin Dombroski, Town Council to see if the Authority can continue to use the same engineering company for the design of Phase III or if a bid waiver would be needed.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Any Other Old Business to come before the Authority.

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dave Holdridge Correspondence from December 4, 2023 - Need for Sewers in Ledyard Center.

Dave Holdridge has been advocating for sewer lines to be put into Ledyard Center. The WPCA is in the process of extending a sewer line to Ledyard Center but not down through Route 214. It would be the responsibility of the developer to expand from the Ledyard Center line.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Discuss OEL Report.

Groton Utilities submitted the OEL Evaluation report for Ledyard Center to the CT Department of Health on December 4, 2023.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Motion to APPROVE payment of Groton Utility invoice #0023708, dated October 31, 2023, in the amount of \$267.06, for Ledyard Meter Purchases on October 20, 2023.

Chairman Lynch asked where the two-inch meter was installed. Maurice Duarte, Groton Utilities answered at the Yale Boathouse in Gales Ferry.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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EXCUSED 3 Jones Ball Norris

4. Motion to APPROVE payment of Groton Utilities invoice #0023710, dated October 31, 2023, in the amount of \$2,308.69, for lead services labor through October 22, 2023.

Chairman Lynch asked if GU is at the end of the lead study. Mr. Duarte answered that there is still quite a bit of lead study work to be completed. He added that he will send out an email after the first of the year to set up a meeting for further discussion. The lead studies need to be completed by October 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

AYE 5 Tewfik Wadecki Juber Lynch Capon

EXCUSED 3 Jones Ball Norris

5. Any Other New Business to come before the Authority.
 - Discussion on Gales Ferry Intermodal, Inc, 1761 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT

Chairman Lynch read an email he received from Doug LaFontaine, Groton Utilities;
Susan,

Thank you for emailing site plans to GU for an opportunity to review as the Contract Operator

of the Ledyard WPCA. We received the plans yesterday afternoon and GU Staff, including our consultant engineer, met with very short notice in order to provide you with initial comments in time for your public hearing this evening.

Per the GU (Ledyard WPCA) Statement below, we'd request additional data and time to fully evaluate this project.

Groton Utilities, which operates the Ledyard WPCA Water System, is concerned with the proposed activities at the Gales Ferry Intermodal site along Route 12. And, due to the short notice with respect to the review of plans and any accompanying reports, would ask that additional time be provided for us to fully evaluate potential impact to nearby water utility infrastructure. On a preliminary basis and at a minimum, we would require a leak detection survey within a one mile radius of the site to be included within any pre-blast survey to be conducted. Not knowing the full details of the proposed excavation, construction methodology and the underlying geologic conditions, this radius may change or vary based on more specific information.

Note that there is significant infrastructure within the one mile radius, including residential, commercial and industrial activity. In addition, there is a regional water supply interconnection passing beneath the Thames River, fully within the one mile radius. Clearly, this interconnection is a vital link to several communities and must be protected from any adverse impact. Thus, we request additional data and time to fully evaluate this project.

Thank you,
Doug

Mr. Duarte explained that the reason an email was written to Susan Marquart of Loureiro Engineering Associates was to allow more time for GU to evaluate the site since the blasting area runs along the edge of a main water line on Route 12.

Tony Capon said that for site plans and special use permits the applicant is required to get approval from certain third parties or notify certain third parties of the proposed plan and the third parties can then send comments to the Commission. The third parties can intervene and present before the Commission. The WPCA is not one of the entities that needs to give approval. During the notification process the Water Authority will be contacted if there will be an impact on the current service lines. In the Baldwin Hill case, there was no impact on the current service line, which is why Peter Garner did not have to notify GU. Discussion was had as to the best way to handle the notifications. It was decided that from now on when an applicant needs to notify the Water Authority the WPCA should be notified and GU copied in the email. Chairman Lynch will contact Juliet Hodge, Planning Director to make this notification procedure request.

Chairman Lynch suggested creating a budget for putting a compound meter on the Dow Chemical hydrant line. Ms. Wadecki suggested asking GU for a quote for the meter and seeing if it can be put in this year's budget or if it will have to wait until next year. Chairman Lynch asked the size of the line, Mr. Duarte said he believes that it is a 12-inch main. Mr. Juber added that it's a large line for fire suppression and potential industrial use.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Sharon Wadecki

SECONDER: Edmond Lynch

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EXCUSED 3 Jones Ball Norris

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