



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting Minutes

Chairman
Ed Lynch

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynch at 6:30 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
Alternate Member James A. Ball
Alternate Member Jeremy Norris

Excused Board Member Terry Jones

Jeremy Norris was present via Zoom.

Also in attendance:

Mauricio Duarte, GU General Foreman Water Operations.

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Jim Ball was appointed as a voting member for Terry Jones.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

Kevin Blacker, 11 Church Street, Noank, spoke about the Cashman application. Mr. Blacker agreed that a meter should be installed on Route 12. He supported the idea of a bond to protect the water lines.

Mike Cherry inquired about service areas in the Gales Ferry area.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2024, as written.

Editorial correction: Old Business #5 Roxanne's last name change from "Mayer" to "Maher".

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Operations Report.

Distribution system microbiological and physical analysis sampling and testing was completed in accordance with DPH requirements. All results were within normal limits. Q1 THM results for Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry were in a slightly lower than typical range for first quarter analyses, due to the continued blending of raw water sources to reduce the level of THMs leaving the WTP. Work continues on the five-year Cross Connection inspections. Gate valve inspections and repairs at Colonel Ledyard Road, Gallup Hill Road, and Route 117 are taking place in anticipation of the multi path trail /sewer line project.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Service Correspondence.

Nothing to note.

3. Aged Reports/Finance.

There was nothing remarkable about the aged report. Month to month variations were normal.

4. Year to Date Water/Sewer Report.

There was nothing remarkable about either report.

5. PSR - Steve Banks.

Flows are steadily decreasing from wet weather in December and January. The flows for the last three months were historically higher than normal. The WPCA sent a letter out to customers regarding "illegal" sump pump connections into the sanitary sewer collection system. Hopefully the WPCA can remove these connections and reduce the volume of flow into the Highlands WWTF.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Trail/Sewer line bids continued.

After meeting with the Finance Committee on the water budget, Steve Masalin, Public Works Director and Steve Banks, WPCA Supervisor talked about the sewer line extension from the High School to Pennywise Lane (5-inch PVS line). Mr. Masalin stated that he needed to repave Gallup Hill Road which then afforded the opportunity to place the sewer line on top of the

existing 2 1/2" line and thus save on both construction and design engineering costs. Chairman Lynch, Mr. Banks and Mr. Masalin met with Mathew Jermine, of Weston and Sampson who agreed that such an approach would save a considerable amount of cost, even when considering the repaving cost of the road. Mr. Jermine stated that he would re-submit the proposal for the new approach. The Commissioners wanted to also look at two additional options; the extension of the sewer line up Route 117 (to Route 214) and up Fairway drive. Chairman Lynch will communicate these two additional options for consideration to Weston and Sampson.

2. Holmberg Tank Reservoir 2024 Inspection Report.

The WPCA can be reimbursed for the costs of inspecting, cleaning and repairing the tank.

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

The Commissioners are requesting from Groton Utilities the status of the final report for budgeting for water systems and to get complete data on individual usage and cost based on meter size for the next three or so years in order to do a study on a new rate structure based on meter size.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to APPROVE setting a Public Hearing date of April 23, 2024, at 6:00 (prior to Regular Meeting) to receive comment, both oral and written, regarding a proposed 5% rate increase on Water starting on July 1, 2024.

Updated Motion:

Motion to APPROVE setting a Public Hearing for April 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM (prior to the Regular Meeting) to receive oral and written comments regarding a proposed five percent water rate increase effective July 1, 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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2. Motion to APPROVE payment of CorrTech invoice #16805 02, dated February 29, 2024, in the amount of \$3,386.00, for ROV Inspection Holmberg Orchard Concrete Reservoir with Report.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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3. Motion to APPROVE a Purchase Order request for \$18,975.00, to Groton Utilities for Ledyard

Multi-Use Pathway inspection, and installation of a tapping sleeve valve for 1 fire hydrant by Groton Utilities' Distribution crew (hydrant to be re-located by others).

Updated Motion:

Motion to REQUEST a bid waiver from Town Council for no more than \$25,000.00, to Groton Utilities for Ledyard Multi-Use Pathway inspection, and installation of a tapping sleeve valve for 1 fire hydrant by Groton Utilities' Distribution crew (hydrant to be re-located by others).

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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4. Any Other New Business to come before the Authority.

Motion to APPROVE payment to Groton Utilities invoice #0023880, dated February 27, 2024, in the amount of \$82.08, for lead inventory.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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