



Chairman
Ed Lynch

TOWN OF LEDYARD

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 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 Terry Jones
Board Member Stanley Juber
Board Member Edmond Lynch
Non-voting Alternate Member Tony Capon
Alternate Member James A. Ball
Alternate Member Jeremy Norris

Also in attendance:

Bill Saums, Town Councilor

Mauricio Duarte, GU General Foreman Water Operations

Tina Daniels, GU Customer Service General Manager

Aaron Brooks, GU General Manager of Business Development

III. APPOINTMENTS OF ALTERNATES

Not needed.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None present.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Terry Jones

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VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Operations Report.

- GU monthly report.
- GU Communication from July 20, 2023, regarding the Holmberg tank, Ledyard Center tank and Seabury Ave.
- SCWA Service area Map.
- CorrTech proposal for washout, spot cleaning and ROV inspection of the Fairway Drive Hydropillar.
- Ledyard PWS ID: CT0727091 response.

Painting the top of the Ledyard Center Tank is scheduled for August. Chairman Lynch asked if there was a fixed date. Maurice Duarte replied August 14, 2023.

Chairman Lynch asked if Mr. Duarte is still seeking quotes for the inspection of the Holmberg tank, he replied that GU received one quote and is still seeking two more.

Routine flushing of specific hydrants and blow-offs is being conducted to lower water age in both the Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry systems, as part of efforts to maintain the lowest TTHM levels possible in both systems.

Chairman Lynch asked if there was an alert on one of the Town's water samples. Mr. Duarte answered that two of the lead samples came back positive. GU has written a response to the DPH showing that they are in compliance with what they need to do next, which is notifying the customer within 24 hours and retaking the samples. GU is working on the explanation to DPH.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Service Correspondence.

None.

3. Aged Reports/Finance.

No comments.

4. Year to Date Water/Sewer Report.

Mr. Jones said that sewer report looks how he would expect it to look at the end of July but he doesn't understand why the water budget still as items over 100% usage.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. PSR - Steve Banks.

The motor starter for one of the new skid mount sewer pumps burned up because the wiring came loose during transit from the manufacturer. A replacement starter has been ordered by the manufacturer. Chairman Lynch said the pump is still operating, although at a reduced rate.

The starter needed to be replaced at the Lakeside pump station.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ledyard Center Trail and Sewer Line Project status proceeding to a spring construction start continued.

The WPCA has received no word on when the multi-modal trail and sewer line extension can proceed, but Steve Masalin, Public Works Director reported that he believes SECOG has completed its approval process. DOT has another turn at it from a funding standpoint, after which it will be ready to bid.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Rules and Regulation review and possible changes continued.

Ms. Wadecki thinks the policy needs to more accurately explain that only sewer can receive relief, that water charges cannot be adjusted. In extreme cases a water charge may be reviewed but that is an exception. Chairman Lynch said he will modify the policy and present it the Authority during the August meeting.

ACTION ITEM:

Update Water/Sewer relief policy.

RESULT: CONTINUE

3. Route 12/Baldwin Hill Road hydrant relocation.
Status on recent public hearing held on July 13, 2023.

Chairman Lynch said the well was fracked, he believes it was successful and there is no need to consider a water main extension for now.

RESULT: COMPLETED

4. Cost of Service quote review and discussion.

Ian Stammel, Assistant Finance Director told Chairman Lynch he doesn't believe the WPCA has money freed up to fund this endeavor. Ms. Wadecki said if the Authority wants to seriously consider completing the Cost of Service Study then the WPCA needs to know how to fund it. Mr. Jones said he doesn't believe the funds should come from the Capital account; clarification is needed from Finance. Chairman Lynch will speak with Mr. Stammel and report his findings during the August meeting.

ACTION ITEM:

Chairman Lynch will discuss the funding options with Ian Stammel, Assistant Finance Director.

RESULT: CONTINUE

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

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to APPROVE Groton Utilities invoice #23512 dated June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$1065.43, for labor from May 25, 2023, through June 30, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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2. Motion to APPROVE Groton Utilities invoice #23339 dated March 31, 2023, in the amount of \$235.00, for materials and services billed on March 17, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular meeting at 7:32 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Sharon Wadecki

SECONDER: Stanley Juber

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