

WPCA – Minutes – 3.18.2025

The Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting minutes of March 18, 2025.

Present: Donald Mayland, Chairman; James Rutledge; John Whalen; Pat Hackett; Emily Egan; Charles Humes, Superintendent; Matt Humes, Assistant to the Superintendent; Curtis Rand, First Selectman; members of the public.
Absent: David Bayersdorfer; Robin Leech.

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:00am.

J. Rutledge made a motion to **approve the agenda**. E. Egan seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

P. Hackett made a motion to **approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2025**. J. Rutledge seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. E. Egan abstained.

Report from the Chairman

D. Mayland introduced Matt Humes, the new Assistant to the Superintendent.

Report from the Superintendent

C. Humes updated the WPCA on a previous discussion about the TrojanUV service proposal/agreement. C. Humes mentioned the 3-year agreement and cost. The WPCA agreed not to go into contract at this time. There are parts in stock at the facility and he can order parts as needed.

C. Humes mentioned the need for a new work truck. He explored the options of buying a new vehicle under the state contract prices as recommended by our Highway Department, and discussed what specifications he would need the new vehicle to have. He will price out trucks with different companies; they expect to trade in the existing vehicle, make a down payment from the Equipment Replacement line item (40-2555-0000-00-500) and finance the remaining amount. J. Rutledge made a motion to approve the purchase. J. Whalen seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

C. Humes also mentioned the zinc levels remain low at this time.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the plant is due April 3rd, 2025; Tighe & Bond is working on finishing their part.

A manhole by the Wake Robin is broken; the state Department of Transportation will be paving on Route 41 (Sharon Road) this summer; 17 manholes will need to be raised for paving; approximately \$2,000 per manhole.

There was a sewer line issue on Harrison Street in Lakeville. The private road hired a contractor to unclog the line. After the line was clear, the town contracted American Rooter to vacuum and jet out the 2 manholes on Millerton Road (the main) that were full of debris from Harrison Road. The WPCA agreed to bill the residents of the private road for the service, once they receive the invoice from American Rooter.

The WPCA discussed the need to update the regulations. The current regulation are from 1981. The WPCA members, decided to make a sub-committee who will work on the updates with assistance from our attorneys and Tighe & Bond. The sub-committee will be J. Rutledge, P. Hackett, E. Egan and C. Humes.

Public Comments

Mark Arigoni, from SLR Consulting on behalf of AREDEV LCC, who was the former applicant for the Wake Robin Inn redevelopment, gave a brief update. The applicant (AREDEV LCC) withdrew their application at the end of 2024, and they are contemplating reapplying at some point in 2025. They have been coordinating with the Town, C. Humes, Tighe & Bond (the town's consulting engineer) with regards to waste water. SLR has been waiting for the weather to warm up and the asphalt plants to open. C. Humes requested they not pull any more manholes covers until the asphalt plants open just in case one of the manhole frames break. With the warmer weather, the asphalt plants opening next week and The Hotchkiss School returning from spring break, they can begin testing. The plan

going forward, is that since Tighe & Bond gave the Town a proposal to do a capacity analysis of the system, the Town requested that AREDEV take over that contract. They agreed - and they are going to do the metering. Starting next week, SLR will be installing three meters downstream of the Wake Robin Inn to the sewer plant on Walton Street. They will be completing a survey of the lines that run from the Wake Robin to the sewer plant. The Town will be the beneficiary of some new as built information of the sewer lines. The meters will be installed for 2-3 weeks to make sure to capture the highest flow from spring weather and Hotchkiss School back in session. The goal in 2-3 weeks is to have the data they need. SLR will put together a report, to be reviewed by Tighe & Bond, and if everything goes as expected, that report will then show that there is capacity to plan program at the Wake Robin Inn redevelopment. The Planning & Zoning Commission expressed the need for a decision/approval from the WPCA as part of their applications.

Adjourn: 9:42am