

TOWN OF WESTBROOK  
866 BOSTON POST ROAD  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Regular Meeting  
Wednesday January 25, 2023  
7:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Westbrook Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) was called to order by Chairman Sid Holbrook on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 7:04 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Sid Holbrook, Vice Chairman Ray Fontana, Scott Brainard (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Shirley Mickens, Mark Richard and Athena Uzzo

**Not Present:** Lee Archer, Registered Sanitarian; Brian Curtis, P.E.; Zach Faiella, Director of Health Department

**2. Vote on Meeting Minutes**

S. Mickens made a motion to approve the December 7, 2022 WPCA Special Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by R. Fontana and was approved unanimously.

**3. Invoices**

There were no new invoices.

**4. Correspondence**

A letter was received from Milton Freeman in CA. He wanted to be sure his septic system pump-out was documented. M. Richard said everything should be updated in Carmody, the computer system where septic pump outs are filed, but he said he would confirm.

M. Richards's appointment is up in February 2023. S. Holbrook will speak to Joan Angelini, Town Clerk.

S. Holbrook said he received a letter about State funding available for projects.

**5. Letter Regarding Funding New Pilot Project**

S. Holbrook said they still not have heard back from the CT DEEP regarding the new system at the Riggio Building. He asked Commission members if they'd like to install another system at Hog Wild at the Town Beach. He said they would have to dig up part of the beach in order to install the system, so it cannot be installed during beach season.

S. Mickens said installing the system at the beach is a good idea because they would get a lot more data. The system at the Riggio Building did not get much use. S. Brainard said he thinks it would be a good idea to see if the system at the Riggio Building is compliant and accepted by the CT DEEP before they install another one. The CT DEEP would be the agency to accept the nitrogen removal system. There was discussion about DPH approved systems and CT DEEP approved systems.

S. Holbrook explained there was a passive nitrogen removal system installed at the Riggio Building as a test system. They are still waiting for the CT DEEP to review the data. The system was installed to comply with the CT DEEP in reducing nitrogen being released into the Long Island Sound. Woodchips were laid down in the leaching area. It was found the woodchips reduced the nitrogen. The WPCA had planned to put in another system at the Hog Wild at the Town Beach.

WPCA members agreed, by consensus, that installing the passive nitrogen system at Hog Wild would be a good idea because of use and location. This would be done as a pilot project.

S. Holbrook will contact Lee Archer and ask him to find out if the contractor would be willing to hold their price from 2 (two) years ago. M. Richard said the cost of pipe has gone up significantly, and S. Brainard said the cost of tanks has also gone up significantly. S. Holbrook will need to look into when the funds would be available and if there are stipulations about when the work would have to be done.

**6. Health Department Update**

No one was present to report from the Health Department.

The WPCA wished Z. Faiella and his family all the best on the impending birth of their baby.

**7. Discussion on Town Center System**

The Board of Selectman are having a meeting on 1/26/23. B. Curtis, P.E., will be preparing an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Town Center System with an estimate below \$50,000.00.

**8. Discussion on CT DEEP Status**

S. Holbrook has nothing new to report. Nothing has been received from the CT DEEP.

**9. New Business/Old Business**

There was no New Business. There was no Old Business.

R. Fontana has plans for the community septic system for the Seaside Avenue area of town, and he said he would scan and email the plans to WPCA members.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathleen King*

Kathleen King, Recording Clerk