

TOWN OF WESTBROOK
866 BOSTON POST ROAD
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting
Wednesday January 26, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Westbrook Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) was called to order by Interim Chair Sid Holbrook on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Brainard, Ray Fontana, Sid Holbrook and Tom Maynard

Also Present: Lee Archer, Registered Sanitarian, and Pam Solis, Westbrook Health Department

Absent: Lee McNamar, Shirley Mickens and Zachary Faiella, Director of Health

2. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

3. Vote on Meeting Minutes

T. Maynard made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 WPCA Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by R. Fontana and was approved unanimously.

4. Invoices

There were no new invoices.

5. West Beach Project

S. Holbrook said he saw that Z. Faiella withdrew the project. He asked P. Solis if she knew anything about it. She said that she has not heard from Z. Faiella regarding the West Beach Project. S. Holbrook will follow up with him.

6. Riggio Building – Report from Brian Curtis, P.E.

There was nothing new to report.

7. New Business/Old Business

a. Election of new WPCA Chair

T. Maynard made a motion to nominate S. Holbrook as WPCA Chair. The motion was seconded by R. Fontana and was approved unanimously.

S. Brainard made a motion to nominate R. Fontana as WPCA Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by T. Maynard and was approved unanimously.

R. Fontana will pick up the mail for the WPCA at Town Hall within the next few days and bring it to S. Holbrook.

b. FY 2022-2023 WPCA Budget

S. Holbrook will contact Finance Director Donna Castracane regarding the status of the WPCA budget.

S. Holbrook wanted to clarify for the record that there is not a plan at this time for a community septic system to be installed at the Town Green. Brian Curtis, P.E., was asked to find out how much land there is at the Town Green for the installation of individual systems.

T. Maynard made a motion that all additional lands at the Town Green available for subsurface septic systems should be considered as individual systems and not community systems at this time. The motion was seconded by S. Brainard and was approved unanimously.

L. Archer said that he doesn't feel there's been much progress related to the Ted Lane Field project. He said he'd like to see it move forward more quickly. The study is showing that a small onsite system could be utilized, and it would be acceptable to the CT DEEP. S. Holbrook said the Town will need to decide what they would like to see at the Town Center, whether the Town Center will be expanded, or if the residents will choose to maintain a smaller Town Center.

L. Archer reported that the Riggio Building had excessive flow due to a plumbing problem. The alarm went off, and it worked the way it was supposed to. John Riggio, Director of Public Works, responded to the alarm with the police. It is harder to treat the nitrogen with a low flow than a high flow.

Lee Archer will contact Brian Curtis, P.E. and ask him to attend the February 23, 2022 WPCA meeting. S. Holbrook would like B. Curtis to report on the amount of usable land at the Town Green for septic systems. S. Holbrook also talked about identifying the areas of special concern that have to be addressed such as the beach areas. He asked R. Fontana to find the map of areas of special concern in the Sanitarian's Office.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen King

Kathleen King, Recording Clerk