

TOWN OF WESTBROOK  
866 BOSTON POST ROAD  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Regular Meeting  
Teleconference via Zoom  
Wednesday June 24, 2020  
Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Westbrook Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) was called to order by Chairman McNamar on Wednesday June 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM by teleconference.

Members Present: Lee McNamar (Chairman), Scott Brainard, Sid Holbrook, Thomas Maynard and Ray Fontana.

Also Present: Zachary Faiella, R.S., M.P.H., D.O.H., Lee Archer R.S., Brian Curtis of Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates, Inc., and Shirley Mickens

2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence. Mr. McNamar said Kathy King will be the recording secretary starting in July. He needs to get a letter to Carol Hess to finalize the position.

3. Wastewater Evaluation Project Update

Mr. Curtis from Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates, Inc. explained that the groundwater monitoring at Ted Lane field is completed. He will be working on the modeling and layout of the system. He will submit a draft report to the WPCA for comment and questions in early July.

Mr. McNamar would like to set up a meeting with Marilyn Ozols and Jim Crawford once the Wastewater Evaluation Report is ready.

4. Pilot Study Update

Mr. Curtis explained that the contractor has been sending in submittals for project items and they have all been approved. Mr. Curtis spoke with Mr. Heufelder from the Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center (MASSTC) regarding the wood chip source. He learned that Mr. Heufelder experience has been using saw dust at the test center instead of wood chips and the group at Stonybrook University used wood mulch. Mr. Curtis found a source at a local sawmill in Guilford for the saw dust that would meet the specifications. The sawdust will be the consistency of coarse sand. The system will use a 50:50 mix of sand and saw dust. The tank is scheduled for delivery on July 15<sup>th</sup>. After the tanks and piping are in, Camarota Excavation will begin installing the leach field. The leach field should be finished by the end of July. Mr. Curtis has been sending copies of all the submittals to Mr. Faiella, Mr. Archer and Mr. McNamar for the files. Mr. Curtis was asked about the reasoning behind using saw dust versus wood chips and he explained that Mr. Heufelder thought that over time if the wood chips decayed they may create voids and settling of the field would occur, but with the saw dust mixed with sand it would be less of an issue. MASSTC has gotten good removal efficiency of nitrogen with the saw dust and sand mixture. That has been his experience and he has done many experiments at the center using this mixture. Mr. Heufelder has been very helpful providing information to Mr. Curtis and was interested in seeing the plan, so Mr. Curtis sent the plan to him.

Mr. McNamar will have the Harbor News on site to write an article on the system and take photos when the contractor is ready to install the system. Mr. Curtis will send updates when the contractor will be working.

5. Vote on Minutes Regular Meeting 05/27/2020

Mr. Brainard moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 27, 2020. Mr. Fontana seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

6. Budget Update

Mr. McNamar explained he spoke with Ms. Castracane the Director of Finance and there were some funds left over from the previous WPCC project for testing at Ted Lane field in the amount of \$17,000. This money will be used to pay Mr. Curtis.

7. Public Hearing for Wastewater Management Regulations

Mr. McNamar explained that the public hearing is postponed until further notice.

8. Invoices

No invoices were submitted.

9. New Business / Old Business

No new business or old business.

Adjournment

Mr. Holbrook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brainard seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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