

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
ESSEX TOWN HALL
August 21, 2017 5:00PM**

The Essex Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting was held on Monday, August 21, 2017. In attendance were Chair Susan Malan, Randel Osborne and Wendy Arnold. Also in attendance Kelley Frazier, Secretary and Lisa Fasulo, Director of Health/Sanitarian. Absent: Leigh Rankin, Mark Reeves, Al Wolfgram

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malan at 5:08pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Ms. Arnold the Water Pollution Control authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF JULY MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Ms. Arnold the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the July 17, 2017 minutes as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Main Street Essex

Discussion was held regarding septic systems versus sewers.

Monitoring Well(s) Reports

No additional information.

Meeting with David Royston and Lisa Fasulo

Attorney Royston has advised that a letter should not be sent at this time to home owners regarding the high ammonia levels in the area of Scholes Lane.

Cesspool Removal/Replacement Ordinance Action Steps

One cesspool is being removed due to a property transfer. *Letter Attached as reference.*

REPORT – LISA FASULO, HEALTH DIRECTOR

Ms. Fasulo gave a brief report. Ms. Fasulo is working with the property owner of North Main for usage. Essex Place has their building Certificate of Occupancy. Cobblestone Court has two septic systems installed.

REVIEW OPERATING STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT

The financial reports were not available.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Osborne, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelley S. Frazier
Water Pollution Control Authority Secretary

August 22, 2017

ATTACHMENT

William and Dorothy Smith
147 Cream Pot Rd.
Durham, CT 06422

Re: Property located at **5 North Main. Essex, CT**

Map **47** Lot **117**

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this letter because records in the Essex Land Use Office indicate that one or more structures located on your property at the address referenced above are served by a cesspool. This letter serves as a reminder to you that the Town of Essex Wastewater Management Ordinance, Section 6d, states that “property owners SHALL replace all existing cesspools with components or systems approved by the Director of Health on or before January 1, 2018 or at the time of property transfer, whichever occurs first”.

A cesspool is an underground structure that receives domestic sewage from the building served and that provides drainage directly to the soil. Years ago, cesspools were frequently utilized to dispose of all wastes from a building. Typically, a large diameter pit would be dug approximately 6 or 7 feet below grade, lined with large stones or concrete blocks, and then connected directly to the home’s plumbing. Cesspools do not separate out solid material and therefore allow such material to come in contact with the soils surrounding the pit. Since this condition could lead to contamination of groundwater in the area, the current Connecticut Public Health Code requires installation of a septic tank and separate leaching structure to manage domestic sewage. As stated in the attached Wastewater Management Ordinance, the Town of Essex requires that cesspools be removed and replaced with a septic tank and separate leaching structure that meets Public Health Code.

We want to make this conversion as efficient and streamlined as possible and strongly encourage you to begin planning now for your septic system modification. The Health Dept. is available to answer any questions you may have and to provide guidance, clarification, and assistance.

Sincerely

Lisa Fasulo, MPH, REHS/RS
Director of Health / Sanitarian

cc: Susan Malan, Chair, Essex Water Pollution Control Authority
WPCA Members
Property File

Enclosures

Essex Wastewater Management Ordinance
Property’s septic tank pump out history
Copy of septic system information from the property file