

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING  
ESSEX TOWN HALL  
November 20, 2017 5:00PM**

The Essex Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting was held on Monday, November 20, 2017. In attendance were Chair Susan Malan, Al Wolfram, Randel Osborne, Leigh Rankin, Mark Reeves and Wendy Arnold. Also in attendance Kelley Frazier, Secretary and Lisa Fasulo, Director of Health/Sanitarian and Matt Carroll owner of the Blue Hound Cookery and Tap Room

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malan at 5:02pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Al Wolfram and seconded by Leigh Rankin the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the agenda as written.

**CONSIDERATION OF AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Al Wolfram and seconded by Randel Osborne the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the October 16, 2017 minutes as amended.

**Amendments:**

Randel Osborn was not absent for the October 16, 2016 WPCA meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Main Street Essex – Monitoring Wells Report**

The monitoring well data is consistent from the previous year. MW-8 continues to have elevated levels of ammonia-nitrogen and nitrate-nitrogen. Ms. Fasulo noted that the Griswold Inn has submitted plans for installation of SoilAir® System. The next sample will be taken and evaluated in the spring.

**Cesspool Removal/Replacement Ordinance Action Steps**

There are only two known cess pools that are being addressed.

5 N. Main Street in Essex. The property is currently for sale. This will be addressed at the time of sale. The property is vacant

54 N. Main Street in Essex. A pumper has looked and not made a definite decision. This property is also for sale and the buyer and seller are aware of the ordinance and are putting a plan in place.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Blue Hound/Tap Room**

Matt Carol was present to discuss his property. He bought the property at 107 Main St., Ivoryton in the spring of 2013 and it seemed the shared community septic system (1) was intact after review by his attorneys. He was notified in October by the Health Department that the system was no longer permissible (2). A soil test was requested to be done by each property owner who used the community system. The water use at the Ivoryton Inn is larger than anticipated. There are 30 rooms at the Ivoryton

Inn being used on a regular basis. After testing his soil Mr. Carroll found it was appropriate to put in a septic system at 107 Main St. Mr. Carroll put a new septic system on his property. The owner of the Ivoryton Inn did not do soil testing on his property. The Blake House did soil testing and installed a septic system on the parcel. During his inspection the water level was high but the system was working properly. After being in place for a year and a half, the water in the leaching structure is still high. There may be an issue with the topography. Last January he noticed that the water is coming over the inspection port. The pump chamber has not been removed to the community system on the Moeller property. He has keep his easements. The old well chamber is full of water. He used a sump pump to remove the water and it did not affect his system. He asked who is responsible for correcting these problems. Ms. Fasulo said that the property owner is responsible. He noted that he is not using more than his permit to discharge allows. Mr. Wolfgram suggested hiring another consultant to check the design data. A meeting has been set up between the Health Department and the town engineer to review the plans and to look at the site plans. The engineer is working under the state guidelines. It was suggested that he contact the engineer. He feels he was forced off of the system he previously used due to a change of use of his property. The Moeller property has been split since state regulations which have recently changed. Other area businesses are also having issues with water. This will be reviewed by the health department and the town engineer.

Explanations made by the Director of Health during the meeting with Mr. Carroll present:

- (1) the community septic system served 115 Main St., Ivoryton, 109 Main St., Ivoryton, and 107 Main St. Ivoryton
- (2) the existing septic system was no longer permissible because Mr. Carroll proposed to change the use of the building's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from a retail shop into a 30-seat tap room

### **Meeting Calendar 2018**

The schedule was discussed.

Upon a motion made by Mark Reeves and seconded by Randel Osborn the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2018 Meeting Calendar as presented. Abstentions: Leigh Rankin

### **REPORT – LISA FASULO, HEALTH DIRECTOR**

The repair permits from Jan – Nov 2017 indicate that 4 cesspools were removed. There were 8 failed septic systems, 3 property transfers, and 2 systems relocated for installation of swimming pools.

### **REVIEW OPERATING STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT**

The financial reports were reviewed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Osborne, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelley S. Frazier  
Water Pollution Control Authority Secretary