

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA) MEETING  
ESSEX TOWN HALL 4:30PM**

The Essex Water Pollution Control Authority meeting was held on Monday, April 15, 2013. In attendance were Chair Susan Malan, Ken Bombaci, Mark Reeves, Robert VanHouten and Al Wolfgram. Also in attendance were Lisa Fasulo, Director of Health and David Caroline, Public Works, Director. Absent: Randel Osborne, Leigh Rankin and Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Board.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malan at 4:37pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bombaci and seconded by Mr. VanHouten, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the April 15, 2013 meeting agenda.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bombaci and seconded by Mr. VanHouten, the Water Pollution Control Authority **VOTED** to approve the March 2013 meeting minutes as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comment

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Facilities/Wastewater Management Plan – Susan Malan**

It was noted that we may get \$15,000 in the sinking fund. John Guskowski, Town Planner, is researching availability of funding from the Clean Water Fund.

**Pump-Out Notices - Carmody**

The Health Department continues to send letters via certified mail to the 10-15 most delinquent homes. All recipients of the letters have either scheduled pumpouts or contacted the health department as required. Postcard reminders are sent to residents on a quarterly basis.

**Cesspool – 2018 Deadline**

No Update

**Heating Oil Leak and DEEP Report**

The leak was reported on January 9, 2013; CT Dept of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) continues to manage the cleanup. Additional excavation of contaminated soil was done the week of April 8-12, 2013 and for a few days, the odor from the storm water drains downstream of the leak was much diminished. However, by April 14-15, the fuel oil odor was strong once again. Ms. Fasulo left a message with DEEP on April 15 requesting an update. During the recent excavation of contaminated soil, a 4" cracked pipe was repaired by DEEP. This pipe apparently directs water from an existing underground stream into the storm drains. Booms are still present in the catch basins. Ms. Malan reports there is still a sheen on the surface of water in the storm drains.

**REPORT – DAVID CAROLINE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

The road crews are currently working on sweeping the streets and cleaning the catch basins.

**REPORT – LISA FASULO, HEALTH DIRECTOR**

Ms. Fasulo reviewed the Essex Meadows property file and Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) as they related to the DEEP community sewerage system permit and the 2008 agreement between Essex Meadows and Essex WPCA. The 2008 agreement was mandatory as per Section 7-246-f(b) of the CGS which requires a municipality to manage or ensure the effective management of any community sewerage systems not owned by the municipality. At the March 2013 meeting, the Executive Director of Essex Meadows requested that the agreement be modified to waive the \$48,000 owed to the Repair & Replacement Fund defined in the 2008 agreement. The Repair & Replacement Fund was established ensure that there will be funding available for maintenance and repair of the privately owned community sewerage system in perpetuity and to protect the town from liability associated with potential pollution problems caused if the private owner is unable to correct them. Ms. Malan asked Ms. Fasulo to schedule a meeting with Jennifer Rannestad, Executive Director of Essex Meadows, to discuss alternative financial arrangements as per CGS Sec. 7-246-f(B) to ensure the ability of Essex Meadows to own and operate a community sewerage system. One option is that a Performance Bond

be obtained to cover the repair/replacement costs of a community sewerage system at Essex Meadows (estimated at \$250,000-300,000).

**REVIEW OPERATING STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT**

The Authority reviewed but no additional discussion occurred.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No Update

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion duly made by Mr. Reeves and seconded by Mr. Bombaci, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Fasulo, MPH, RS  
Essex Director of Health & Registered Sanitarian