

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**Regular In Person Meeting  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING FEES FOR NEW CONNECTIONS TO  
THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM  
ITEM #8e WILL START PROMPTLY AT 5:00 PM**

**REGULAR MEETING TO START IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Water Pollution Control Facility  
31 Wauregan Road, Killingly CT**

1. Roll Call - Chair, Patrick McLaughlin opened the Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Brian Briere  
Joseph Higgins  
Patrick McLaughlin  
Andrew Danna was absent with notice.

**Staff Present:**

David Capacchione, Director of Engineering and Facilities  
Benjamin Gilmore, Plant Superintendent  
Joe Couture, WPCF Assistant Plant Superintendent

**Also Present:**

Ed Grandelski, Alternate Town Council Liaison  
John LaBelle  
J.S. Perreault, Recording Secretary (arrived at approximately 5:20 p.m.)

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**MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING**

Copies of the Notice of Public Hearing were included in packets to Authority Members.

John LaBelle, 57 Island Road, asked what the increase is based on, about the impact it would have on potential new businesses and residents, and he asked about residential/apartments.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that they did a comparison to other towns in the area/Statewide and they were all equal or higher than the proposed rates. He explained that impact on residential is per unit, so a separate hookup from the original house would be considered a new connection. The fee would need to be paid for each apartment unit. Mr. McLaughlin explained that a market analysis had not been done to determine the impact on development.

There were no further questions or comments.

Mr. McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

Mr. McLaughlin called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

## **MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. McLaughlin called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. The same people were in attendance as for the Public Hearing.

2. Citizen Participation (on items not subject to public hearing)  
Dann Stuyinski, Member of the Brooklyn WPCA was present and explained that he will be attending the Killingly WPCA meetings as a liaison. He asked what the new proposed rates are.

Mr. McLaughlin stated \$3,000/residential and \$3,500/commercial and industrial.

3. Town Council Liaison Participation  
Ed Grandelski reported on recent Town Council actions/discussions.  
The Council discussed capacity at the Facility and about speaking with State Legislators regarding available funding to increase capacity.  
There was discussion regarding the NDDH.
4. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes September 20, 2023 (included in packets to Authority Members).

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023, as presented.

Second by Brian Briere.

Discussion:

- Patrick McLaughlin noted a correction to the motion to adjourn. The vote count should have been 3-0-0 because he had left the meeting early.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (3-0-0).

5. Finance Report
  - a. Monthly Finance Report (included in packets to Authority Members).  
Mr. Capacchione explained that the Report is through the end of October, nothing is tracking out of the ordinary.
6. Report of Plant Superintendent (Report for October 2023 included in packets to Authority Members).  
Ben Gilmore reported:
  - No violations.
  - Higher BOD and TSS on one day which they were not able to trace to anything specific. They checked with the lab and everything was good there. There were no operational issues.  
There was discussion regarding testing: in-house vs. lab and cost effectiveness. Mr. Gilmore will check on the cost for in-house E-coli testing.
  - One of the Operators passed Class 1 last week. Now we have four licensed Operators.

- There were a couple haulers that had overages (no fine). Mr. Gilmore is looking into the cost to weigh here on-site before leaving, so the DOT won't pull them over. He feels that the cost will be over \$10,000 (portable scale).  
There was discussion.
- Joe Couture has been working on ventilation for the Centrifuge Control Room – Replaced two PLC computers that failed.  
There was discussion. Mr. Couture explained that they will get three different systems: two for the centrifuge building; and one for the sludge building. A small air compressor will suck the air from the outside and pressurize the cabinet (that holds equipment), so the bad air won't be able to get in there. There may be a problem due to blocking the fans. Mr. Gilmore asked if they should look into getting a price for a system for the whole control room. Mr. Higgins commented that would seem to be the more appropriate solution, but he asked that Mr. Gilmore speak with other plant operators to see if they have run into this problem.  
Discussion continued.
- New crane truck was received and is working great.

#### 7. Frito-Lay Representation

Heather Belanger was absent with notice.

#### 8. Unfinished Business

##### a. Administration Building HVAC Project

Mr. Capacchione reported:

- The chiller is ahead of schedule and is to be installed by the end of the month.
- Still waiting on insulation for the ductwork. It was supposed to come in three weeks ago. As soon as it comes in, they will get it installed. Mr. Briere suggested checking with Holman's in Auburn, MA.
- Roof is done, but edging is on backorder.
- Little internal work for VAV's.

##### b. I Park Pump Station

Mr. Couture reported:

- Pumps are in.
- The lead has stopped.
- The only thing left is to finish the sump pump.

##### c. North River Lane to Maple Street Sewer Line

Mr. Capacchione reported:

- They are waiting on wage rates to come back (700 feet of main and laterals – He expects that it will be over \$100,000). The bid opening is set for January 9<sup>th</sup>.

##### d. Reynolds Street Improvement Project

Mr. Capacchione reported:

- Sewer line and laterals are in.
- They are working on installing drainage.
- Box culvert is set to be here by the end of the month.
- Some ledge was found, but no major problems.

- e. Decision on Increasing Fees for New Connections to the Sewerage System  
(Notice of Public Hearing)

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to accept the new fees for new connections to the sewerage system, as proposed.

Second by Brian Briere.

Discussion: The Authority Members were in agreement that this had been discussed quite a bit in the past and the reasoning is, basically, consistency with other municipalities' sewer authorities.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (3-0-0).

There was discussion regarding the effective date for the new rates.

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to amend his motion to accept the new fees for new connections to the sewerage system, to include the effective date of January 1, 2024.

Second by Brian Briere. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (3-0-0).

#### 9. New Business

- a. Adoption of 2024 WPCA Meeting Dates (included in packets to Authority Members).

There was discussion regarding revisiting in May to possibly change from Wednesdays to Tuesdays.

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to adopt the 2024 WPCA Meeting Dates, as presented, with consideration to re-evaluate after May to possibly change to Tuesdays when some Authority Members schedules become more flexible.

Second by Brian Briere. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (3-0-0).

#### 10. Correspondence – None.

#### 11. Other – None.

#### 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Joseph Higgins to adjourn at 5:43 p.m.

Second by Brian Briere. No discussion.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (3-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault

Recording Secretary