

Town of Stafford
Water Pollution Control Authority
 Special Meeting
 Stafford Senior Center
 Monday, April 25, 2022
 5:30 p.m.

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 TOWN CLERK

Members Present: Chairman Scott Bonett; Paul Burns; Richard Dobson Jr; Mandy Fisher; Roger Thomas; Dave Walsh and Allen Warren

Members Absent: None

Also present: Superintendent Richard Hartenstein, Jr.; Jane LaMorte, Business Manager WPCA; and Applicant for local brewery, Jason Collette

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1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of February 14, 2022

Paul Burns made a motion to accept the minutes of February 14, 2022. Dave Walsh seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

3. Minutes of March 21, 2022 – Regular and Special Meetings

Mandy Fisher made a motion to accept the Regular and Special Meetings of March 21, 2022. Roger Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

4. Chairman's Comments

- Board Member Comments

Chairman Scott Bonett inquired if anyone was looking into federal assistance for sewer infrastructure projects. At this time, a portion of the ARPA money is being allocated to the SCADA upgrade, for WPCF improvements.

5. Brewery Wastewater Discharge Review Proposal Action

The proposed new brewery, Of the Rails, has submitted an application for sewer use, including as-built, discharge procedures and best practices. The application consists of a

one-barrel system for beer production. Once brewery is established, process data will be submitted to verify compliance with effluent. The WPCA questioned the spill containment procedure. Jason Collette explained that the floor drain can hold 692 gallons of spill, which then goes to a sediment trap and then ejection pump. The only way for the spill to reach the sewer system is if a valve were manually opened.

Paul Burns made a motion to approve the application for the brewery, with a one-barrel system and if any changes to the system are to be made, the applicant must submit a new application, with changes, for approval. Roger Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

6. Old Business

- New Sludge Hauling Class 2 CDL Vehicle

Superintendent Rick Hartenstein stated that a vendor has been hauling four loads a week at \$310 per load. They have not been reliable with timing of pickup. There have been numerous spills. He stated that he was obtaining pricing on a new Class B truck with a 5,000 gallon tank. This would alleviate the search for a Class A truck driver and afford more driving options for existing employees, negating the need for an outside hauler. The board requested that more information be obtained for next month's meeting, on pricing of new truck and trade in value on existing truck and trailer.

7. New Business

- 5 Old Monson Road Sewer Connection

This property should state 9 Old Monson Road and was sold and connected to the sewer in late March 2022.

- Low Income Housing Water Assistance Program

A program for assistance with wastewater bills is available through the Department of Social Services. It is a federally funded program through the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. In order for funds to be released to the Stafford WPCA, a vendor application must be competed and forwarded to the Community Access Agency. Households with annual income at or below 60 percent of the state median income can qualify for this one-time assistance benefit.

Dave Walsh made a motion to become a vendor with the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Mandy Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

8. Staff Reports

CDM Smith will be on site on Wednesday to kick off the SCADA upgrade. 3M is continuing to complete their facility upgrade. The new staff employee will start on 5/9. Chairman Scott Bonett encouraged employees to attend wastewater expos, forums and seminars.

9. Collector of Revenue Report

- Review of Department Finances

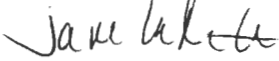
The total collected, for fiscal year 2021-2022, in delinquent sewer fees has surpassed \$100,00.

Total collections for the month of March were \$38,031 and the expenditures totaled \$100,630. The balance of the sewer reserve is \$894,370 and the balance of the sewer fund is \$1,310,954.

10. Adjournment

Paul Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. and Dave Walsh seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 6 -0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jane LaMorte
Recording Secretary



CONNECTICUT WATER ASSISTANCE

The Connecticut Low Income Water Assistance Program is open. *Get help paying your water bills.*

Households with annual income at or below 60 percent of the state median income can qualify for this one-time water assistance benefit. There is no asset limit. Help is available for both drinking water and wastewater bills.

If you get benefits from the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, SNAP, TFA, SSI, State Supplement, or Refugee Cash, then you likely meet income requirements. Eligible households can begin submitting applications in Fall of 2021.

To Apply: Online at www.ct.gov/dss/WaterAssistance or contact your local Community Action Agency (**see list on back**). Show a copy of your current water/wastewater bill. The bill must be in the name of a household adult or emancipated minor.

Maximum Income for Program Eligibility

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5
Annual Income	\$39,027	\$51,035	\$63,044	\$75,052	\$87,060

**Get help paying your
water bills**

**Must meet program
income requirements**

**The water services bill
must be in your name**

**You can get up to
\$1,000 if you have
disconnected service
or are behind on bills**

**Apply at your local
Community Action
Agency or online at
ct.gov/dss/waterassistance**

www.ct.gov/dss/WaterAssistance

First Day to Apply
November 1, 2021

Last Day to Apply
May 31, 2022

Last Day to Submit Bills
June 15, 2022

**Connecticut Department
of Social Services**

Making a Difference

Connecticut Community Action Agency Map



1. The Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Inc. (CAAWC)

Danbury Area (203) 748-5422
 Stamford Area (203) 357-0720
www.caawc.org

2. New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI)

Waterbury Area (203) 756-8151
 Meriden Area (203) 235-0278
 Torrington Area (860) 496-0622
www.newoppinc.org

3. Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRA)

New Britain Area (860) 356-2000
 Bristol Area (860) 356-2000
www.hranbct.org

4. Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc.

Bridgeport Area (203) 324-6904
 Norwalk Area (203) 838-8110
www.alliancect.org

5. TEAM, Inc.

Derby-Ansonia Area (203) 736-5420
www.teaminc.org

6. Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAANH)

New Haven Area (203) 387-7700
www.caanh.net

7. Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT)

Hartford Area (860) 560-5800
 Middletown Area (860) 347-4465
www.crtct.org

8. The Access Community Action Agency (Access)

Willimantic Area (860) 450-7400
 Danielson Area (860) 412-1600
www.accessagency.org

9. Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)

Norwich-New London Area (860) 425-6681
www.tvcca.org