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# Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting February 10, 2021 APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen, acting in its capacity as the Water Pollution Control Authority, held a public meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, there was no physical location for this meeting. It was be held electronically, live streamed on www.westportct.gov, and broadcast on Westport's Optimum Government Access Channel 79 and Frontier Channel 6020.

### https://play.champds.com/westportct/event/33 WPCA Meeting begins at 1:48

In attendance for the WPCA meeting were Jim Marpe, Jennifer Tooker, Melissa Kane, Eileen Flug, Peter Ratkiewich, Gary Conrad, Ira Bloom, Carol Martin, John Peloso, Gibby Halloran and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

#### **MINUTES**

1. Jennifer Tooker presented Item #1. Ms. Kane requested a revision/addition to BOS Agenda Item #3. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting, as revised, and the Minutes of the Water Pollution Control Authority's meeting of January 27, 2021 are hereby APPROVED.

#### APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION AT 125 COMPO ROAD SOUTH

2. Director of Public Works Peter Ratkiewich presented WPCA agenda Item #2 (BOS Item #9). Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the supplemental sanitary sewer connection at 125 Compo Road South contingent upon compliance with the WPCA Collection System Supervisor's letter of January 25, 2021 is hereby APPROVED.

## APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM WHA TO ABATE PAST AND FUTURE SEWER USE CHARGES ASSESSED AT HALES COURT AND HIDDEN BROOK

Acting in its capacity as the Water Pollution Control Authority, to take such action as the meeting may determine, to consider a request by the Westport Housing Authority to abate past and future sewer use charges assessed to the moderate-income properties at Hales Court and Hidden Brook, effective beginning with list year 2015.

3. Westport Housing Authority Executive Director Carol Martin, Attorney John Peloso, representing the WHA, Town Attorney Ira Bloom, and Assistant Town Attorney Eileen Flug presented WPCA agenda Item #3 (BOS Item #10). The discussion of this item begins at 1:53 of the recorded meeting (<a href="https://play.champds.com/westportct/event/33">https://play.champds.com/westportct/event/33</a>)

Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

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RESOLVED, that the Water Pollution Control Authority hereby abates the past, present, and future sewer use charges of the moderate-income properties at Hales Court and Hidden Brook (the "Properties"), effective beginning with list year 2015. Additionally, there will be no late fees or interest assessed on past sewer use charges for the Properties. Future sewer use charge abatements for the Properties are subject to the following:

- i. that each such Property is owned, managed or otherwise controlled by the Westport Housing Authority;
- ii. that each entity holding record title to such Properties, and each entity holding a ground lease to such Properties, has as its purpose the construction, rehabilitation, ownership or operation of low- or moderate-income housing;
- iii. that each such Property is subject to a regulatory agreement or other instrument with a governmental agency which limits all occupancy of such Property to persons or families whose incomes do not exceed prescribed limits;
- iv. that this abatement is limited to these Properties only, in recognition of the April 9, 1985 Water Pollution Control Authority resolution exempting the Imperial Trailer Park from sewer use charges, and in recognition of the Westport Housing Authority's dispute of the sewer use charges on these Properties commencing in 2015.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote or 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM

/Eileen Francis/

Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary