

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 2022
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022. Chairman Seery called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Kevin Seery, Chairman, Dave Bond, Steve DiGiovanna, Dave Jacques, Dave Murphy, Carol Russell, Roger Spencer, Dave Zoller

ALSO PRESENT: James Quarto, for 138 Boston Post Road
Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director
Ben North, Municipal Utility Engineer
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

ABSENT: Joe Mingo

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Seery called the Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission to order at 7:00 PM and asked Charles Ambulos to lead the assembly in the Pledge.

2. Approval of Minutes

▪ Regular Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2022

Mr. Seery called for a motion or any discussion on the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2022ne 28, 2022.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2022 as presented.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 - 1. Motion passed.

Abstained: Mr. Bond

3. Delegations

Mr. Seery called for delegations.

There were none.

4. Billing Adjustments/Disputes

There were none.

5. Approval of Bills

There were none.

6. Finance Director Report

Mr. Seery noted that this would be Ms. Johnson's last meeting with them as she would be retiring. He thanked her for her many years of service to the Town.

Ms. Johnson reviewed her report noting that this was the beginning of a new fiscal year. There were no questions.

FILED

August 30, 2022 AT 10:08 AM PM
Brocklehurst ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

7. Discussion and Possible Action on East Lyme/Old Lyme Beaches Sewer Agreement

Mr. Seery asked for a motion for discussion on this item.

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement for the Connection of Old Lyme Beach Associations' Sewerage System to the East Lyme Sewerage System and authorize the East Lyme Water and Sewer Commission Chairman to execute and deliver the Agreement as written.

Mr. DiGiovanna seconded the motion.

Mr. North explained that the Old Lyme Beach Associations and the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission had previously executed an agreement to allot 120,000 gallons/day of sewer transmission capacity to flow through the East Lyme system for treatment with the option of acquiring an additional 180,000 gpd for future use. Currently Old Lyme is requesting 50,000gpd out of the 180,000gpd to convey sewerage generated from areas within the Town of Old Lyme but outside the limits of the Beach Associations.

Ms Russell expressed concern that she did not feel that the amendment was going to apply to the whole Town area but rather just to the beach areas. She said that she would like more information on this to clarify.

Mr. Bond asked why it would matter as they are paying by the gallon.

Mr. Spencer said that the agreement had already been agreed upon and they were requesting something that falls within the agreement. He does not think that they can go back and change the agreement. This is also just for transmission capacity.

Mr. Seery said that Ms. Russell could make an amendment to the motion to table it for further clarification.

Amendment to MOTION (2)

Ms. Russell moved to table action on the motion pending further clarification at the next meeting.

No second – Amendment to MOTION (2) fails.

Mr. Seery called for a vote on the motion on the floor.

Vote: 7 – 1 – 0. Motion passed.

Against: Ms. Russell

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Sewer Capacity Allocation for 138 Boston Post Road

Mr. North explained that 138 BRP LLC is requesting sewer capacity of 5,150 gpd to construct an 17-unit development designed for the 55+ community that are comprised of 2 BR's each with a 500 sf office space. The request for capacity follows the CT DPH Technical Standards 2018 edition. The developer is requesting capacity in line with the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission's application for determination of adequacy of Sewer Capacity pursuant to CGS Section 7-246a(a)(1). He noted that there is a house also on the property which already is sewerred.

James Quarto of Old Lyme said that he is the owner and applicant of the property. He said that all 17 units would be townhouses and that the property is located next to the Dollar General.

As noted, there is a house there which is already connected to the sewer system. As each unit has two bedrooms the computation is 34 BR's x 150 = 5,100 which is just over the threshold and the reason for the request.

****MOTION (3)**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve and allocate sewer capacity in the East Lyme Sewer Conveyance System of 5,150 gallons per day for the development at 138 Boston Post Road owned by 138

BPR LLC in accordance with the East Lyme Water and Sewer Commission's Standards for Determination of Adequacy of Sewer Capacity Pursuant to CGS section 7-246a(a)(1) and in conformance to the Utility and Grading Plan prepared for 138 BPR LLC by Indigo Land Design LLC dated 7/27/22.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Mr. DiGiovanna asked if there would be a separate assessment.

Mr. North said there would be a supplemental as the house on the property is already sewered.

Ms. Russell said that she would support this as it is a small amount but also hopes to have an update on capacity soon.

Mr. North said that they have been working with the attorney on a capacity update.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

9. Discussion on Water Conservation Measures

Mr. North explained the lower rainfall situation in relation to use and production and how our wells do not have the ability to keep up. He noted that they have put a mandatory lawn watering restriction in place. He also noted that the Governor has declared our area a Stage 3 Drought Area.

Ms. Russell asked how many of our wells are impacted by this.

Mr. North said that four (4) of our wells are impacted.

Mr. DiGiovanna asked if they meter the water at the beaches.

Mr. North said that he believes so.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Well 2 Water Main Construction

Mr. North explained the situation with the upgrade. The \$812,000 represents the minimal amount of work to do the upgrade as Well 2 runs at one-third of its potential to keep manganese levels in the system to a minimum. It is the only remaining well that is untreated for iron and manganese removal and is also one of the few wells that are not hampered by stream flow restrictions. He said that he is not sure on how to pay for this. He noted that this is one of Tighe & Bonds recommendation.

Ms. Russell asked what the water quality is at this location.

Mr. North said that is it very good quality.

11. Project Updates

▪ Meter Replacement Project - Discussion

Mr. North reported that in they changed out 172 meters for a 47% completion rate. He said that they are also working on accounts with issues.

▪ Update on Well 5 Rehabilitation Project

Mr. North said that Well 5 has gained project completion approval and is permitted to begin producing water once stream levels rise above restricted levels. It meets iron and manganese removal targets while producing 540 gpm.

12. Correspondence Log

There were no comments.

13. Chairman's Report

Mr. Seery reported that the Starlight Motel is being torn down and that the gas station is being worked on. He also reported that the downtown merchants have said that the traffic there this summer has been great. The Sift Bake Shop should be opening in mid September.

14. Staff Updates

a. Water Department Monthly Report

There were no comments.

b. Sewer Department Monthly Report

There were no comments.

15. Future Agenda Items

▪ **Rate Analysis Subcommittee**

Mr. Seery noted that anyone interested in being on this subcommittee should contact Mr. North.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Seery called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (4)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission at 7:55 PM.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary