

EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION RECEIVED FOR RECORD
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON SEWER CAPACITY EAST LYME, CT

EAST LYME TOWNHALL
CONFERENCE ROOM #1
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024
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Karen Hill
TOWN CLERK

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a subcommittee meeting on January 19, 2024.

PRESENT: Carol Russell, David Zoller

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director
Ben North, Chief Operating Officer

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. North called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. The Pledge was observed.

2. Discussion on Sewer Capacity

Mr. North outlined the current data on remaining sewer capacity. He noted that there has been an increase in sewer usage throughout town that does not have a seasonal correlation. Due to new developments in town, the average sewer daily flow from the town and state facilities is roughly 1 million gallons per day (MGD), out of the total 1.5 MGD allotted to the town and state per the agreement with New London and Waterford. Mrs. Russell pointed out that the typical five – year lookback period on sewer flows should be discontinued in favor of using a two – year lookback, which would give more insight into flow trends that the sewer department is experiencing.

Mrs. Russell and Mr. North outlined the sewer projects approved for development that have not yet been constructed and identified that it looks like the Town will need to secure additional sewer capacity at the New London WWTF.

3. Discussion on Point O' Woods Agreement

A review of the Point O' Woods Agreement was conducted to identify the sewer flows from Point O' Woods and how they factored into the remaining sewer capacity. Mr. North commented that the agreement identifies State of Connecticut flows that were loaned to East Lyme to allow for Point O' Woods sewer flows. Additionally, any request for additional capacity should include provisions for taking Point O' Woods flows back from the state, as the agreement stipulates that any additional capacity that East Lyme receives could allow the state to have its loaned capacity back.

4. Discussion on Options for Obtaining Additional Capacity

Mr. Bragaw and Mr. North laid out some scenarios of the logistics of obtaining capacity. It was discussed that East Lyme should look for capacity from both Towns and the State.

5. Discussion on Timetables for Recommended Action

Mr. Bragaw recommended that this subcommittee set a goal of the end of the year to determine which avenue makes the most sense for obtaining capacity.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM with no action taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben North
Chief Operating Officer