

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 202

7:00 PM – Bolton Town Hall/Virtual

MEETING MINUTES

The May 11, 2022 meeting of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority

The Chair, Robert Morra, called (BLRWPCA) to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Morra (Chair), Daniel Champagne

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Jim Rupert and Michael Purcaro.

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Grasis (Advisor), Philip Blazawski, Terry Hjarne (Tax Collector Vernon), Ed Grace, Mike Ruef (Coventry WPCA), Matt Twerdy (Coventry WPCA), Curtis Roggi, Andrew Bushnell, Morris Silverstein.

Alternate James Rupert was used to fill a vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approval of April 28th Minutes

MOTION to Approve the Minutes as Presented D. Champagne

SECOND: James Rupert

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None **ABSTAINING:** None

MOTION Carries

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Correspondence

a. 1 Tolland Road, Bolton

DISCUSSION: P. Blazawski, “what was done by this committee to me is not right.” BLRWPCA: “Next agenda Item”.

b. 233 Boston Turnpike, Bolton

DISCUSSION: Additional EDUs Request. J. Rupert gives brief background.

A. Bushnell gives additional background, (Hair Trap, Gravity Fed system, etc.).

R. Morra asks for a **MOTION** to move to public hearing with the recommendation that the five EDUs be allocated.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION Carries.

c. 25 Anchorage Road, Vernon

DISCUSSION: J. Rupert gives brief background.

T. Hjarne, Lien has never been paid, bank has never had an interest in bringing it current. R. Morra, if the property was a transfer, we can get more data and discuss it at the special meeting on June 6th.

c. 17 Colonial Road, Bolton

DISCUSSION: J. Rupert gives brief background.

M. Gurske is trying to rectify the situation. She apologizes for not knowing more, but she is trying to connect with the help of local social services.

R. Morra suggest holding off action until the special meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – New Business

a. Collection Enforcement Recommendation (Vernon Tax Collector)

i. Tax Sale

DISCUSSION: T. Hjarne, once this is sent to an attorney for Tax Sale, there are no payment plan. All of these properties have received multiple notices, at least 6. The oldest outstanding bill has to be paid first. This assessment is already a 20-year payment plan. To extend time before Tax Sale a full year's oldest owed assessment must be paid in full.

R. Morra let's look at these one at a time. If anyone has any comments for each address please speak up when we say it.

1. 17 Colonial Road Bolton
No Discussion.
2. 12 Juniper Lane Vernon
No Discussion.
3. 1 Llynwood Drive Bolton
No Discussion.
4. 27 Llynwood Drive Vernon
No Discussion.
5. 25 Anchorage Road Vernon
No Discussion.
6. 33 Tolland Road Bolton
No Discussion.
7. 14 Hillcrest Road Bolton

M. Silverstein; Seeks dismissal of all charges. He maintains the position that the property is uninhabitable so there is no sewer, so he should not have to connect. The property is a residence in a business/commercial zone. If I felt the charge was proper I would pay for it.

8. 38 Anchorage Road Vernon

No Discussion.

8. 21 Colonial Road Bolton

No Discussion.

DISCUSSION: R. Morra, the Benefit assessment is the increased value of your property due to the sewer attachment. The value is based on an almost 15-year-old assessment. The authority did not assess vacant land. These as non-vacant properties, these assessments still apply. Even non-connected properties. M. Silverstein would ask that the interest be forgiven. D. Champagne would like to send out a notice with a date that the properties would go to tax sale, and if they would like to make an arrangement with the town(s) with the stipulation that the first year be paid in full yearly. This notice would have the date of tax sale, state that arraignments need to be made or the property is going to tax sale.

D. Champagne makes a MOTION that June 6th the special meeting is the deadline for payment arraignments to be made before the properties go to tax sale.

M. Purcaro, SECOND.

T. Hjarne notes that a demand notice is required, that requires at least 10 days. Terry will put out another notice that requires them to reach out to the authority. Jim's office and Terry will coordinate an additional letter to be sent out.

BLRWPCA schedules the meeting and public hearing for June 6th at 7pm.

MOTION Made R. Morra.

SECONDED. J. Rupert

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None ABSTAINING: None

MOTION Carries.

ii. Expiration of Inchoate Lien

No discussion.

b. Drainage at Shady Glenn

DISCUSSION: J. Rupert gives a brief background; the property owner says there is excess water on the site. The hydrologist hired by Shady Glenn thinks it is a problem with the Check Dam. We have a plan that has been accepted by Shady Glenn. We have two quotes, let's discuss.

D. Champagne makes a MOTION to authorize the project with a max budget of \$18,100 based on the timeframe of the contractor and the hold harmless agreement.

SECOND M. Purcaro.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIES.

d. Access CT, State of Connecticut Water/Sewer Assistance Program

DISCUSSION: J. Rupert gives a brief background on the issue.

R. Grasis says this would make the BLRWPCA a preferred vendor. The only downside would be how long it would take the state to pay us back.

D. Champagne look into it further and bring it up next meeting.

d. 166-180 Boston Turnpike, Bolton Additional EDU Request - 129 Boston Turnpike EDU Assessment

DISCUSSION: J. Rupert gives a brief background. A three- family residence was incorrectly reported as a two-family residence. The new owners in the interest of fairness, they are asking to have an additional EDU allocated to the sight. The new owners are interested in correcting the situation.

D. Champagne MOTION to send it to public hearing.

J. Rupert SECOND.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None ABSTAINING: None

MOTION carries.

R. Morra asks to skip to Agenda item 6b, in the interest of time for the Coventry WPCA folks who have been waiting.

6b. DISCUSSION: M. Ruef Says that the priority for the water assistance program at the state (5d) is for drinking water. So that none of the non-combined water-sewer were a priority for that program in Coventry. He also brought up that Coventry CBYD got a quote from USIC for about \$6000 in 200 mark outs. Coventry kept it in-house. He said he is always available.

Coventry is asking to extend the sewer about 2000 feet into Coventry around rte. 44, for about 30,000 gallons per day. This should benefit both Towns; Coventry is leaning towards being a paying customer over joining the board.

R. Morra thinks it makes for a more cohesive organization and communication going forward if Coventry joins the BLRWPCA with a board seat.

M. Twerdy says that they can bring that idea back to the team to discuss.

M. Ruef says that Coventry has a conceptual design plan that involves a flow meter. Although they would still like to be billed based on EDUs. We feel we are in good shape with state approval. They have applied for a couple grants, although they have not heard back yet. The BLRWPCA agreement with Manchester is for 200,000 gallons per day. Currently the BLRWPCA averages about 30,000gpd. Coventry is requesting an additional 30,000gpd. They would handle all their own building, hookups, inspections, and billing. They would get a use Bill from the Vernon tax office and pay it.

M. Ruef will take these meeting minutes and all there info to Manchester and come back.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Pending Business

a. FY 2022/2023 Budget

DISCUSSION: D. Champagne wants to know what is in the bank and are we at a target level with that account in case anything major goes on.

J. Rupert says that going back with previous year's budget. \$200,000 seems like the correct number. There is \$12,000 a year scheduled in Grinder Pump contingencies.

D. Champagne the older our system gets the more we need in the bank.

J. Rupert, with the extension of the system into Coventry do we want to reevaluate future EDU cost at something higher than \$10,000. This should be on the agenda for the June 6th meeting with current assets and future projections. J. Rupert thinks there should be an informational flyer with a welcome package with Sewer info and to maybe; we get stickers out with the correct number to call for everyone on the sewer to avoid incorrect maintenance.

c. 2022 Meeting Dates

DISUCSSION: J. Rupert we will look at these later.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Additional Matters & Other Business

NO discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment

MOTION D. Champagne

SECOND J. Rupert

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None ABSTAINING: None

Motion Carries

Adjourned at 8:51pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Silver, Media Coordinator