



TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
Water Pollution Control Authority
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2023
7:30 p.m.
MARLBOROUGH TOWN HALL

1. Call to Order
Jack Murray called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.
2. Roll Call
Present were Jack Murray, Charles Denler, David McKay, and Peter Hughes-Director of Planning & Development.
3. Public Hearing – none
4. Old Business – Peter Hughes mentioned the vent in the pump station will be done before the summer.
5. South Main Street Sewer Extension Project – tabled to the next regular meeting. Mr. Hughes stated that there are no new invoices and that a punch list will be done in the spring.
6. New Business
 - a. Mr. Hughes reported that Pump #2 is back at the pump station and an invoice in the amount \$50,943.00 has been submitted. A guestimate of \$35,000-\$40,000 was received, but no quote was received. Pumps 1 and 3 were running alone.

David McKay made a motion to pay Control Systems of Connecticut based on Invoice #3373, dated January 7, 2023, the sum of \$50,943.00 for the repair and installation of a #2 main sewer pump. Charles Denler seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion was passed.
 - b. Peter Hughes reminded members of an email he sent with pictures showing the three (3) chambers at the pump station with three (3) exposed electrical cabinets. The original contractor drilled a 3-inch hole in the concrete to the pump station and used 2-inch conduit. The electrical cable did not fit into the conduit, so the electrical wire insulation was stripped and the wires were slid through. The 1-inch gap was not sealed

so the gap between the conduit and drilled holes allowed sewer gases to erode the electrical boxes, lugs, and brackets and they will need to be replaced and re-sealed. This issue may have caused the shorts in the pumps. Mr. Hughes obtained a quote for \$10,000 per electrical box for each pump.

David McKay made a motion to authorize Control Systems of Connecticut to make the required repairs to the pumps 1, 2, and 3, conduits and feeds and associated hardware in the sum of \$30,000.00. Charles Denler seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion was passed.

7. Town Staff Report

Mr. Hughes reported:

- 77 Cheney Road – the grinder pump was disconnected and moved due to the reconstruction of the house. When it was reconnected, it didn't run. The cable wire from the control box to the pump was spliced. A new cable was ordered and installed, the pump still wouldn't pump out. A new pump was installed with the same issue. The pump worked in the chamber so the street valve was opened and closed. The line was jetted and found a hard, black substance. When they cut the line, they didn't flush the line so everything went down to the check valve and got hard and sealed the check valve. The property owner will be paying for all repairs due to the issue being on the house side.
- Marlborough Healthcare Center – They went to all nine (9) man holes and disconnected each valve, sucked and jetted them out but still having issues. They will have their control person check the velocity speed. Redi Rooter is steadily pumping. The pumps are burning out.
- Reed went out and cleaned all three (3) main pumps at the pump station. Plug valves had not been exercised. Contact was made with East Hampton and they will meet to review a list of items.
- Mr. Hughes went over the current budget and stated they are on track with about 60% of the budget remaining. Five (5) grinder pumps were bought and repair bills were recently submitted. FR Mahoney is providing better repair services. The pumps have a 12-15 year life.
- East Hampton want the town to upgrade its electrical meter at the pump station because of an allowable 7% error. They want more precision on the readings. The main Middletown pump station is being upgraded and wants the participating towns to upgrade. A request will be forthcoming.

8. Other Business

- a. Generator Questionnaire Response Report
Mr. Hughes will provide the summary.

9. Minutes – December 8, 2022

Charles Denler made a motion to accept the minutes with the following changes. David McKay seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion was passed.

- Page 2, Item 7, Bullet 5, Line 1 – add after questionnaire “for towns with sewers under 10,000 people”
- Page 2, Item 9, 6, Line 1 – change “new development” to “new residential development”

10. Public Comments - none

11. Adjournment

Charles Denler motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Dave McKay seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion was passed **All were in favor; the motion was passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Magro
Board Clerk