

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
ESSEX TOWN HALL – February 10, 2020 5:00 PM**

The Essex Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 2020. In attendance were Chair Susan Malan, Mark Reeves, Wendy Arnold and Lisa Fasulo, Director of Health

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malan at 5:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Wendy Arnold and seconded by Mark Reeves, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the agenda as written.

CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mark Reeves and seconded by Susan Malan, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the December 2019 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- i. **Main Street Essex – Monitoring Wells Report**
The monitoring well results on Scholes Lane are much better than had been for many years – No update
- ii. **Cesspool Removal/Replacement Ordinance Action Steps**
No cesspools found. – No update
- iii. **Essex Village Data Collection and Project Update**
There are no new updates on the data collection due to the project being put on hold for now. – No update
- iv. **EYC Updates**
Ms. Fasulo mentioned that there have been issues since the new system was installed. Over the summer, the *Essex Yacht Club* (EYC) installed a membrane lining over their leaching structure and when they put a tent up, it punched a hole in its membrane. The Health Department has not received any documentation saying that the hole is fixed, therefore the soil air sign off cannot be completed. Ms. Malan asked Ms. Fasulo if a letter should be sent to the EYC stating that they are not allowed to operate the system without a permit to discharge. Ms. Fasulo said that a letter should be sent but it's not an urgent matter at this time. – No update
- v. **1 North Main St., Essex**
Building was sold. Ms Fasulo has not been contacted by the new owner

NEW BUSINESS

53 Main St., Essex was sold to the adjacent property owner, Carlson's Landing LLC. They have applied for a demolition permit to demolish the former *Red Balloon* building. They are considering installing a septic on the site to serve the adjacent *Essex Boatworks* building located on Ferry St. but have not submitted any septic system design plans to the Health Dept.

15 Main St., Essex (*Black Seal Restaurant*) has a septic system repair in process. The former pump chamber was crushed & filled, and a new pump chamber was installed. During the chamber's replacement it was noted that an

adjacent drywell serving an abutting property on 12 Pratt St. was full. The drywell was pumped, power washed, and re-bedded with stone. No other modifications were done to the septic system serving the 12 Pratt St. property.

REPORT – MS. FASULO, HEALTH DIRECTOR

The owner of Prive-Swiss plans to occupy the building at 57 Main St. Ivoryton which is owned by Mr. Dayharsh. Original plans submitted by Mr. Dayharsh described the occupancy as having nutritional counseling offices, psychotherapy, hypnosis, life coaching and other office-based individual wellness services. There was discussion in the meeting about the business having an indoor swimming pool. Ms. Fasulo stated that the current plan submitted by the applicant to the Health Department does not include a pool on site. If a pool were to be installed on the property it would be considered a Public Swimming Pool and would require approval from State Dept of Public Health and construction of bathroom and shower facilities in the building. Ms. Fasulo stated that Mr. Dayharsh would need to submit a plan for these improvements and include new soil testing and engineered plan for a Public Health Code compliant septic system.

REVIEW OPERATING STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT

No update

As this prospectively is the last meeting of the WPCA – Ms. Malan thanked the members and Ms. Fasulo for their many years of dedicated service.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mark Reeves and seconded by Wendy Arnold, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan A. Malan, WPCA Chair