

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
ESSEX TOWN HALL – DECEMBER 16, 2019 5:00 PM**

The Essex Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting was held on Monday, December 16, 2019. In attendance were Chair Susan Malan, Randel Osborne, Mark Reeves and Al Wolfgram. Also in attendance were Lisa Fasulo, Director of Health and Shannon DeLorso, Secretary. Absent: Leigh Rankin and Wendy Arnold.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malan at 5:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Al Wolfgram and seconded by Randel Osborne, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the agenda as written.

CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Al Wolfgram and seconded by Randel Osborne, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the October 2019 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

i. Main Street Essex – Monitoring Wells Report

The monitoring well on Scholes Lane results are much better than had been for many years

ii. Cesspool Removal/Replacement Ordinance Action Steps

No cesspools found.

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.

Ms. Fasulo mentioned that Don Mitchell has joined the Health Department part time as of November 1st.

iv. Pratt Street

No known issues.

v. EYC Updates

Ms. Fasulo mentioned that there have been issues since the new system was installed. Over the summer, the 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 must submit documentation verifying the hole is repaired before the Health Dept will issue a permit to discharge. Ms. Fasulo said that a letter should be sent but it's not an urgent matter at this time.

vi. 1 North Main

Ms. Malan mentioned that 1 North Main is under contract. Ms. Fasulo said she has had a lot of interest in the property but she has informed everyone inquiring about the property that the it has very limited septic capacity, therefore it needs to stay as only a retail use. An alternative to be able to use the property for a different use is to get an easement from the downside property or an easement for the street.

REPORT – MS. FASULO, HEALTH DIRECTOR

Ms. Fasulo asked about Swankey's BBQ. Ms. Malan confirmed that it is now open for business.

Ms. Malan mentioned that she heard Gary Dayharsh is putting in an indoor pool at his property (the former Ivoryton Congregational Church). Ms. Fasulo said that if so, the pool would first require State approval because it would be considered as a Public Swimming Pool. Mr. Wolfgram asked if the pool itself can affect the septic system. Ms. Fasulo said that it depends on where it drains etc. However, the shower will affect the septic system. (A shower is required if a pool is located on the property). Ms. Fasulo stated that the current plan submitted by the applicant to the Health Department does not include a pool on site.

Ms. Malan asked Ms. Fasulo if Norm Needleman has talked to Ms. Fasulo about the WPCA Commission no longer meeting. Ms. Fasulo said he mentioned that he would like to transfer the WPCA to the Board of Selectman. Ms. Malan is unsure of what is happening, as she had only recently received a text message about this.

Upon a motion made by Mark Reeves and seconded by Randel Osborne, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2020 calendar.

REVIEW OPERATING STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT

No operating statement available.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mark Reeves and seconded by Randel Osborne, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon DeLorso, Water Pollution Control Authority Secretary