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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ELECTRONICALLY
WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024

PRESENT: Toni Boucher, Joshua Cole, Basam Nabulsi, Lori Bufano, Kimberley Healy,

ABSENT: Ross Tartell

OTHERS: Joe Canas of Tighe & Bond (Representing ASML), Craig Flaherty of Redniss & Mead (Representing 131 Danbury Road), Thom Knowlton & Tom Daly of SLR Consulting, Ryan Sutherland of AMS Acquisition, Scott Gance, Joe Hammer (Project Attorney), Christine Kurtz of Wright-Pierce, Frank Smeriglio

Call to Order

Ms. Boucher called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Approve Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024

Ms. Boucher asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024. Motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

Ms. Bufano noted that she would be recusing herself regarding the discussion on 131 Danbury Road.

Motion to add Public Comment after Approval of Minutes and to reverse the Discussion on Town Sewer Flows with Discussion and Possible Vote on Policy Revisions made by Mr. Nabulsi, seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 6-0. Public Comment at the end of the agenda remains.

Public Comment

Joseph Hammer of MacDermid, Reynolds & Glissman commented on the proposed Policy Revisions to be discussed. See letter sent in to the WPCA from Mr. Hammer.

[j_hammer letter to wilton wPCA 2.14.2024policy.pdf \(wiltonct.org\)](https://www.wiltonct.org/j_hammer_letter_to_wilton_wPCA_2.14.2024policy.pdf).) Mr. Hammer represents the applicant on the 131 Danbury Rd request for additional sewer capacity.

Craig Flaherty of Redniss & Mead who represents the applicant for 131 Danbury Road) commented on the Policy Revisions to be discussed.

Barbara L. Geddis of Cannon Rd commented on the Policy Revisions to be discussed

Discussion on Town Sewer Flows

Mr. Smeriglio reviewed a detailed analysis of the current and potential flows for sewer (illustration available at [sewer flows potential - development 2-14-24.pdf \(wiltonct.org\)](https://www.wiltonct.org/sewer_flows_potential_-_development_2-14-24.pdf)) with Christine Kurtz of Wright -Pierce providing additional input. Mr. Smeriglio noted that number presented in the

illustration does include pending or potential new applications. He also noted that underutilized commercial buildings could push the flow higher if occupancy of existing building increases. Discussion on how to increase sewer capacity and what possible steps could be taken to achieve more capacity, one being requesting additional capacity from the Town of Norwalk. Town Counsel Pete Gelderman fielded questions regarding the interlocal agreement that the town has with the City of Norwalk and requesting additional sewer capacity.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Policy Revisions

Mr. Smeriglio reviewed the Policy Revisions with Town Counsel Pete Gelderman providing additional input. Discussion on the suggested items to the WPCA Regulations (see attached draft policy). Town Counsel Pete Gelderman to revise the language regarding item 1 on prioritization. Discussion continued on the other suggested items in the policy while Mr. Gelderman worked on revising language for item 1 on prioritization. Board in agreement with item 3 through 4 in the policy and suggested tabling item 5. Mr. Smeriglio reviewed item 2 of the policy with the board. Mr. Gelderman began the discussion on the policy and the suggested language in lieu of the existing item 1. Mr. Gelderman noted revised language for item 1 of the policy: "The WPCA recognizes that where possible, it is important to the town of Wilton to keep existing businesses in Wilton, if any such local business seeks to expand its operations and such expansion requires an increase in capacity allotment then it is the policy of the WPCA to make such a request a priority if capacity is limited". Motion passed 6-0

77 Danbury Road – ASML – Request for Additional Capacity

Joe Canas of Tighe & Bond who is representing ASML reviewed request from ASML for additional sewer capacity. The request is estimated to add 11,233 gallons per day to the sewer flow by 2025 in the first phase with the second phase adding 7,650 gallons with a total of 18,883 per gallons one the project is completed. After further discussion and review with the board, ASML and Mr. Smeriglio, motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi moved approval of request subject to the applicant working with the town to resolve any open issues with the town engineer. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 6-0.

131 Danbury Road – 131 Danbury Wilton Dev AMS – Request for Additional Capacity

Craig Flaherty of Redniss & Mead reviewed the sewer allocation request for 131 Danbury Road (see attached presentation). He reviewed data sources that show requesting additional sewer capacity from the Town of Norwalk would not be an issue for the town and help solve the need for additional flow. He noted that a 35-day extension was rendered to the WPCA for further discussion before a decision is made on whether to grant the request. Several letters of support were sent in to the WPCA for the 131 Danbury Road project. Question and answer session with Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Smeriglio and the board. After discussion, members of the WPCA opted to continue the discussion at the next WPCA meeting before making a decision.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn made by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Cole, and carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:56p.m.

Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
(taken from video)

APPENDIX V to the Wilton WPCA Regulations

2-13-2024

The following standards, policies and procedures are hereby adopted by the Wilton Water Pollution Control Authority (“WPCA”) to be effective upon passage.

1. The WPCA recognizes that certain companies/employers located in the Town of Wilton are critical to the well-being of the Town of Wilton, State of Connecticut, and the United States of America. Such companies and employers engage in manufacturing and research with respect to scientific and technical equipment. To the extent any such company seeks to expand its operation and such expansion requires an allocation of sewer capacity, and such capacity is available, then it is the policy of the WPCA to make such a request a priority which shall supersede other requests, regardless of the order in which such requests are made.

2. Pump stations serving a single property with a pressurized pipe in the Town Right of Way shall not be permitted. Any proposed private pump stations shall be designed to discharge into a gravity sewer pipe in the Town Right of Way. The WPCA shall not obtain ownership of the pump station and/or pressurized pipe. The design of private pump station and/or pressurized pipe shall be based on TR-16 manual “Guides for the Design of Wastewater Treatment Works” prepared by NEIWPC (New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission) revised 2016 and/or shall be based on any requirements by CT DEEP and/or shall be based on any requirements by CT DPH and/or shall be based on best engineering practice for the site.

3. Any permit or other approval issued by the WPCA shall expire five years after the date of issuance unless a zoning permit has been issued to the applicant and work has commenced at the subject property.

4. For purposes of determining capacity to any existing sewer main, when the capacity of such pipe reaches Seventy-Five (75%) percent of the actual capacity of such pipe, such pipe shall be deemed to be at full capacity. Developer shall have the opportunity to upgrade the pipe. For purposes of determining pipe capacity, all applicants shall use a formula where every bedroom will result in a flow of One Hundred Fifty (150) gallons per day multiplied by a peak factor of 4 to determine peak flows. Proposed flows/design standards for other various proposed building uses shall be based on TR-16 manual “Guides for the Design of Wastewater Treatment Works” prepared by NEIWPC revised 2016 and/or shall be based on any requirements by CT DPH and/or shall be based on any requirements by CT DEEP and/or shall be based on best engineering practice for the site.

5. For purposes of determining capacity limits at the Norwalk -Wilton Town line per the Interlocal Agreement, , residential flows shall be based on Sixty-Five (65) gallons per day per person. The number of persons per dwelling unit shall be # of bedrooms + one. Therefore, a one bedroom unit shall be 130 GPD, a two bedroom unit shall be 195 GPD, etc. Proposed flows from other various proposed building uses shall be based on any requirements by CT DPH and/or shall be based on any requirements by CT DEEP and/or shall be based on best engineering practice for the site.