

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
**Town of Trumbull**  
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JANUARY 24, 2024  
MINUTES

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present: Chairman Frank Regnery, Vice-Chairman Tom Kelly, Secretary Peter Gelderman, and Jon Greene

Absent: Bruce Elstein

Also Present: Town Engineer, Sewer Administrator William Maurer, Town Attorney James Nugent and Christine Kurtz of Wright Pierce

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Approval of Minutes: Moved by Gelderman, seconded by Greene to approve the December regular meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED 3-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Kelly)

New Business:

• Island Brook E.coli Source Evaluation Proposal:

Mr. Maurer confirmed Island Brook Park flows under Edison Road to Williams under the Merritt to Lake Forest. As required by the consent order they have been testing for E.coli in three (3) locations in the winter and nineteen (19) locations during the active season. He doesn't believe the high levels of E.coli are from the pump station, he believes it is from the environment and wants to do this study to show that. The evaluation includes a DNA analysis. The surfactants have been monitored and it seems to fluctuate with the rain, if this was from the pump station pumping into Lake Forest it would be constant. Lake Forest has been actively trying to get DEEP to push the consent order. This evaluation is probably the best line of defense for the future. The E.coli testing has been done for the past year and shows E. Coli levels all over the place, they tested for surfactants, a compound found in soaps, very little was found, .01%. The E.coli levels fluctuate with the rain, if there is a heavy rain the E.coli levels go extremely high, into the thousands. 120 is safe for swimming but once in the 200 or 300 range it is dangerous. It was confirmed that Canadian geese, dogs and cats contribute to E.coli. They have seen dead skunks in the streams too and there is always the possibility people could be dumping into the stream. If this were indicative of a problem with the sewer pipe Mr. Maurer would expect to see a constant high level and higher with the weather, which is not the case.

Testing has been done from Frenchtown Road and down, every other side of the culverts and every other side of the road and he reminded the commission Bridgeport's mains are intertwined in this area which also means Trumbull may not be the source. This evaluation would do testing upstream at Island Brook. WSP is on the town's on-call environmental list. Tighe & Bond gave a similar price, just

not as detailed. The funds are available from the WPCA 83 account. It was confirmed as part of the consent order testing is required.

DEEP has given the WPCA a consent order to replace the Old Town Road force-main from the pump station to the terminus. Plans have been submitted to DEEP for approval, once approved it can go out to bid. The leak has been repaired, there have been issues with this force-main and suspect there may be others in the future. It was confirmed the consent order is to complete the force-main project and there is a requirement for testing. The hope is this evaluation will say the levels are from the watershed area itself and if any action is taken against the town this will give the town something to stand behind. Attorney Nugent noted the evaluation would be valuable information.

Moved by Kelly, seconded by Gelderman to approve the WSP Island Brook E.coli Source Evaluation proposal dated December 6, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$95,000.

Vote: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

- *Kovacs Old Town Road & Reservoir Ave. Comprehensive Upgrade Change-Order #2:*  
Reservoir Avenue - Mr. Maurer explained a portion of the change-order is for upgrading the 25-hp pump, part for trucking in suitable fill for part of the pipeline replaced in Reservoir Avenue and an oil tank. Reservoir is completely on-line and is just waiting to get paved in the spring, along with permanent fencing, and gates. Because of the placement of the control panels there had to be a slight modification to the fence, a gate had to be added that was not originally called for.

Old Town Road is still waiting to be done. The equipment has been procured, the precast is at Indian Ledge and just waiting for better weather to begin. 1980 Old Town Road has had some issues with U.I. getting temporary service to the house and moving poles, but most of that has been worked through.

There is one contract with Kovacs, the pump stations separated out.

Moved by Gelderman, seconded by Kelly to approve the Kovacs Change-order No. 2 dated December 6, 2023, in the amount of \$90,465.19. Vote: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

#### Old Business

- *Trumbull Center Development:*  
Attorney Ray Rizio and Rob Sonnichson of Waldo Associates was present.

Mr. Maurer explained I&I was found during the camera work of the line, it was suggested they repair it or put in a pump station. Trumbull Center decided on the pump station.

Mr. Sonnichson explained they had submitted plans on December 5, 2023, review comments were received on January 12, 2024, and he responded to those on January 18, 2024. Bill shared his screen with the plans included in the agenda. Mr. Sonnichson reviewed the plans in detail with the commission. The flow areas were added, there is an emergency generator, only one pump is needed but most are designed with duplex pumps, (a belts and suspenders thing). The buoyancy calculations are included in the report and the control panel will have an automatic dialer. The pump station is a self-contained unit, it just needs to be installed and connected.

Ms. Kurtz noted the 100-year flood is at elevation 106, this should be considered when protecting anything electrical and/or anything that keeps the station operational. Should there be 100-year flood, on the municipality side they are required to use three feet, this may be able to be something closer to one foot, but regardless, where the station is located right now, the grade is in the order of 103. The

generator is at 104 and should be 106 or 107, stairs may be needed. Mr. Sonnichson added there is a patio up above and will be able to gain access to the generator conveniently. They would want it screened but will be able to make it work. It was confirmed there was plenty of capacity.

The commission discussed possible conditions of approval and the construction timeline. The pump station would need to be constructed sooner than later due to the existing line's compromised condition.

(Commissioner Gelderman left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.)

It was suggested by Attorney Nugent a condition of approval be that the pump station construction commences in 4-5 months of approval. The Chair noted that was reasonable and they will have to bypass while putting in the pump station. The Chair noted the pump station will need to be done regardless of the project.

After further discussion, the Trumbull Center representatives agreed to commence the pump station construction within 7 months, if they need more time they will come back.

Moved by Kelly, seconded by Greene to approve the plans as submitted with specific modifications:

1. Seal the existing pipe to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.
2. Locate all electrical equipment above the floodplain pursuant to appropriate codes.
3. Modifications to the plans be submitted for the approval of the Town Engineer.
4. Construction of the pump station to commence within seven months of this approval and be completed within a typical commercially reasonable timeframe.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

- Old Town and Reservoir Avenue Pump Stations Update: Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Old Town Force-main Update: Discussed earlier in the meeting and it was noted they will go out to bid as soon as they can, hopefully April.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Kelly, seconded by Greene the Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority adjourned at by unanimous consent at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni  
Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk