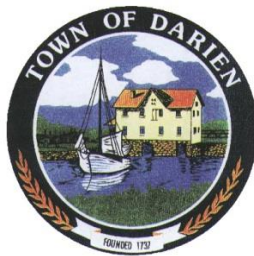


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**TOWN OF DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES,
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND 2024, 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM
IN PERSON, ROOM 206, 2 RENSHAW ROAD-TOWN HALL, DARIEN, CT 06820
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION VIA EMAIL OR IN PERSON**

ATTENDANCE: Craig Flaherty, P.E. Chairman
Robert Hill, Vice-Chair
Reese Hutchison, Secretary
Susan Cameron

STAFF: Edward L. Gentile Jr. P.E. Director of Public Works
Darren Oustafine, P.E. Assistant Director of Public Works

ABSENT: Peter Van Winkle

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:32 P.M. by Mr. Flaherty. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5TH 2023. DISCUSSION

Commissioners asked that page 3 of 5 item 4 be changed to Ms. Cameron made a motion to not retroactively charge current owner.

**** MS. CAMERON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**** MR. HUTCHISON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. SEWER USER FEE APPEALS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

a) 33 BEVERLY PLACE, ALLAN ANDERSEN

Mr. Andersen's appeal was tabled pending more information. Mr. Andersen provided the sewer department with one more month of Aquarion consumption showing that there was a decrease in consumption.

**** MR. HILL MADE A MOTION TO ADJUST THE SEWER CHARGES TO \$423.60**

**** MS. CAMERON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED 3-1 WITH MR. HUTCHISON OPPOSING.**

4.44 ANDREWS DRIVE- BILLING. DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

Computil had this account as a flat rate charge account. For as long as this account was connected they have only received the minimum charge regardless how much water was consumed. After realizing this staff asked Computil to update the account to consumption based. Going forward the account will be billed on consumption.

**** MR. HILL MADE A MOTION TO ADJUST THE SEWER CHARGES FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS TO \$310.64 (2023) \$392.16 (2022) AND \$ 549.40 (2021)**

**** MR. HUTCHISON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5.67 KENSETT LANE. DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

Staff could not access previous records at the moment. Commission agreed once the usage charges are known they can make a motion.

***NO MOTION MADE**

6.251 BOSTON POST ROAD RECYCLING WATER DISCOUNT. DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

Staff could not locate any information explaining the 15% discount for 251 Boston Post Road.

**** MR. HUTCHISON MADE A MOTION TO ADJUST DISCOUNT TO 10% GOING FORWARD.**

**** MR. HILL SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. HUTCHISON MADE A MOTION TO NOT GO RETROACTIVELY WITH CHARGES SINCE STAFF WAS UNABLE TO UNCOVER WHY THE 15% DISCOUNT STARTED.**

**** MS. CAMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED 3-1 WITH MR. HILL OPPOSING.**

7. PEER REVIEW ORDINANCE. DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

Mr. Gentile took the regulations that planning & zoning use to start to build the ordinances. The underlined text is optional. Staff has 2 weeks to determine if an outside expert is needed. At next meeting commission will make determination. Engineers must come to Darien Sewer Commission early in process. No one comes before the commission until staff reviews project. Get more information tune up peer review ordinance and present next meeting.

****MR. HILL MADE A MOTION STRIKE 3.**

****MR. HUTCHISON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

****MR. HILL MADE A MOTION STRIKE FINAL PARAGRAPH.**

****MS. CAMERON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. ANNUAL TOWN OF DARIEN, INFILTRATION/INFLOW STUDY PROJECT SUMMARY SPREADSHEET. DISCUSSION.

Nothing much has changed, the 4 lines were included because they asked for it this way. Thanked Lindsay publicly. Tutorial for rain gauges. Videoed 8 miles \$650,000 spent this last calendar year. No motion proffered. Smoke test revealed 10 places where direct connections exist.

9.SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

a. PHASE II SANITARY SEWER REHAB (ARCADIS)

Doing CCTV work. Will be lining next week and changing manhole covers starting near Cherry Lawn. About 3 miles planned

b. CY23-CCTV

Work was completed, camera Mechanic street. Nothing coming out of the manhole no SSO coming out of manhole on Sedgwick and Old Kings Highway North.

c. STONY BROOK P.S. FLOOD HARDENING

Expect to report by February that both Nearwater and Stonybrook are done.

d. SEWER LATERAL REPAIR 15 & 16 STONEWALL LA, VICINITY OF 51 BUTTONWOOD LANE

Town Counsel will reach out to homeowner tomorrow.

e. STAMFORD WPCA INVOICE

Staff received invoice second week of December. WPCA did notify they had problems getting it together earlier. The calculations as of now state we are in the arrears with them almost a half million dollars. There was a force main project at the treatment plant.

f. WEST AVE GENERATOR

Transfer switch in staff's possession. Discussing how generators will be mounted and working out the details.

10. NEW BUSINESS

****MS. CAMERON MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO NEW BUSINESS REGARDING VISITING THE PUMP STATIONS.**

****MR. HUTCHISON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hill needs to visit all pump stations and Ms. Cameron would also like to visit them all. Get Pump Stations reports to every commissioner.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. HILL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**** MR. HUTCHISON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Penny Apazidis, Post Meeting Remote Recording Secretary