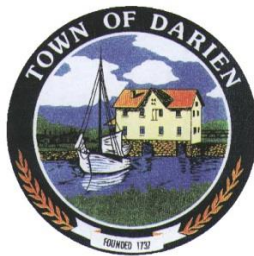


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**TOWN OF DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES,
TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH 2023, 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM
IN PERSON, ROOM 206, 2 RENSHAW ROAD-TOWN HALL, DARIEN, CT 06820
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION VIA EMAIL OR IN PERSON**

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

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

OTHER: Andy Soumelidis P.E.
Robert F. Maslan Jr. Esq
Kurt Lowenstein P.E.
Chip Platz
Vincent Arguimbau

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. APPROVAL OF DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7TH 2023.
DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

**** MR. HUTCHISON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS
CORRECTED IN THE MEETING.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. CMOM PROGRAM PRESENTATION-ARCADIS (LINDSAY MCCARTHY).

Item postponed until next month.

4. 7 SEDGEWICK AVENUE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Platz, the developer of this project stated he is a small company and since the Commission does not have a policy in place, stating the applicant would be charged the consultants fee the developer should not be required to pay for that kind of analysis that is going to benefit an entire section of town. The developers attorney, Robert Maslan stated that connection fees should cover the cost of third party peer review.

**** MR. HUTCHISON MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION TO PAY FOR A PEER REVIEW ON THIS REPORT.**

**** MR. VAN WINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED 3-2 WITH MR. HILL AND MS. CAMERON AGAINST.**

5. KENSETT LANE BOND RELEASE.

The commission approved an easement signed by the BOS. We still have a bond that was taken at the start of the project. The commission authorized the release of the bond and permission was given to consult town counsel. There is a strong likelihood the company does not exist anymore.

**** MR. HUTCHISON MADE A MOTION TO RELEASE BOND AND CONSULT WITH TOWN COUNSEL.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. 2 & 11 PHILLIPS PLACE SEWER USER FEE REBATE, RELEASE OF SEWER USERS TO CITY OF STAMFORD.

Amount of rebate due to property owners approved for rebate, given that they should be paying Stamford not Darien

**** MR. HUTCHISON MADE A MOTION TO REBATE OWNER & RELEASE SEWER USERS TO CITY OF STAMFORD**

**** MR. VAN WINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

a. OKHS PIPE LINING

Project is 99% completed. Proxy and manhole testing should be wrapped up this Friday. Some incidental paving around manholes will need to be completed.

b. PHASE II SANITARY SEWER REHAB (ARCADIS)

40% complete moving quickly with phase. Feb 22nd first meeting towards middle of March second meeting would be done. Bidding possibly in April. Phase 3 design looking to start before the end of the year.

c. WOODWAY/HOYT

Last meeting released CO for Hoyt street address. Still waiting for Woodway surveyor.

d. STS CMOM & SSES REVIEW

Final letter regarding SSES report. No response from letter sent. DEEP will be receiving report. CMOM responses will be included in next meeting. Arcadis provided their responses and they have been reviewed and sent back to STS with cover letter.

e. MOVE DEADLINE FOR AGENDA TO END OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY

Push back to end of business on Wednesday. Commission approved.

f. WPCA AGREEMENT

Contract expires June 30th 2023.

g. BOB HILL REAPPOINTED TO ANOTHER TERM DSC

Commissioner Hill has been reappointed.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

**** MR. HILL MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO NEW BUSINESS FOR BILLING BY USING PROJECTED FLOWS & THE POLICY MAKING IT CLEAR THAT CONSULTANTS CAN BE CHARGED.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hill stated his proposal would be take 2/3rds of the projected flow and prorate that for the amount of months bill that the building is online. Commission requested to put on the Agenda next month to discuss how to bill for mid cycle. The commission has the authority to assess and we have regulations on how to calculate sewer user fees.

The commission reserves the right to charge applicant for technical review of sewer connection report. The commission asked if there should be reference to state statute, if town counsel should be consulted, if regulations should be established, if a Public Hearing must be held on the matter. Commission asked that this item be included on agenda for April 2023. The commission pondered 6 units plus would need to be peer technical reviewed.

**** MR. HUTCHISON MADE A MOTION TO MAKE AN ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY THAT THE SEWER COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR PEER REVIEW SEWER REPORTS BY APPLICANTS.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED 4-1 WITH MR. HILL AGAINST.**

***Vincent Arguimbau of 69 Salem Straits and a member of RTM, addressed the commission requesting that the Commission require everyone along the coast to connect to sewer for the health of the environment. Mr. Arguimbau was advised to reach out to the health department regarding septic and the health concerns by the water.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Penny Apazidis, Post Meeting Remote Recording Secretary