

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
**Town of Trumbull**  
CONNECTICUT

TOWN HALL  
(203) 452-5048



5866 MAIN STREET  
TRUMBULL, CT 06611

**MARCH 22, 2023  
MINUTES**

- Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
- Roll Call: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows.
- Present: Chairman Jon Greene, Frank Regnery and Thomas Kelly
- Absent: Bruce Elstein and Andrew Palo
- 

Approval of February 22, 2022 Minutes: Moved by Kelly, seconded by Regnery to approve the February 22, 2023 minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED 2-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Regnery)

New Business: None

Old Business:

FY 2023-2024 Budget Update First Selectman & BOF Level: Mr. Maurer reported he met with the First Selectman and no changes were made to the WPCA budget. The budget hearing with BOF was yesterday and the BOF has not voted yet. The budget goes to the Town Council after the BOF.

Beardsley Force-main Update:

- Mr. Maurer reported they are working on the HDPE section through the walking trail, and are past the Old Town Bridge going to the pump station, roughly another 750'. They met with Bridgeport last week to make commitments to put the park back together by the middle or at the latest, the end of April before baseball season starts. The trail section, which is in Trumbull won't be started until May, otherwise they are on schedule.
- There was a meeting today with Arcadis, they presented a draft transient pressure pipe presentation. It shows pressure problem locations. The commission will need to eventually discuss the next phase, going under the river. The transient pressure is very complicated and is disruptive to the pipe. They were able to do some analysis

to show the locations but it is preliminary and are not yet ready to publish. This will need to be a new design and a new project, it won't be a change-order. We are not ready to do the next section because a new bypass is necessary.

- The air vent has been put in in the section they are currently working on. The next section to need an air vent would be on the other side of the river and an additional three (3) more locations within the pipeline.
- It was confirmed the air vents (pressure relief), can be done independently of another project, but crossing the river will be costly. Where they did originally put air vents were obvious points.
- The commission discussed going to the site. Mr. Maurer will send possible dates out for next week.

#### Old Town and Reservoir Avenue Pump Stations Update:

##### Reservoir Avenue Pump Station:

- All of the equipment is in, but U.I. does not have any pole-mounted transformers, there is a 52-week lead time. They had to redesign for a pad-mounted transformer for the Reservoir Avenue pump station, which included trees to be cleared, and the installation of a conduit. This work will begin next week.

##### Old Town Pump Station:

- There was a pole location they were not happy with because the wires were in the way and now have temporary underground service to the house.
- The pump stations had to be moved out of the manufacturer's warehouse and will be delivered to Indian Ledge on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Kovacs has made a commitment to stay on, he has been waiting for parts for so long and he now has health problems but he has made a commitment to go forward. We should see progress before the next WPCA meeting.

##### Old Town Force-main Update:

- Mr. Maurer reported the surveyor had been out last week, and now will be able to map out a route for the pipe.
- They have told the state they will be in design most of 2023 and will be ready to go out to bid in early 2024 with construction in March or April of 2024.
- There is 2,650' of 6" plastic pipe and will be at a higher level, not 18' deep as it was. It was probably that deep because they ran it right along the gravity line.

##### Merritt Parkway Culvert Update:

- Mr. Maurer reported there were three (3) options being investigated, one is routing some of the piping to make it easier for jacking under the Merritt Parkway, (two different ways, two different locations and three different ways).
- A plan will be necessary to meet with the Parkway Commission, the Parkway Commission is not as concerned with where the pipe is but with how many trees will need to be cut down.

- The ROW is fairly wide, Mr. Maurer shared his screen with the commission showing the area and the how to have the shortest horizontal drilling, an easement would be needed from people on Koger Road. It is a heavily wooded area.
- The alternative would be to come off the manhole, go underneath the stream to another manhole and come across and go down Macalowski, this would have less impact to the homeowners, and this options does have hills. None of the options are easy.
- Another option is tie the spring from Koger into a new line along the back, this has a lot more trenching involved and a lot more rerouting and is probably not a viable option.
- How to get all the equipment in also has to be solved.
- They did think about putting a pump station in and going over the Merritt, but a pump station will be costly too. The commission noted this would avoid waterways or wetlands, and no trees would be affected.
- All of the costs are going to be \$1 million to \$1.3 million for approximately 150 homes.
- There was brief conversation about leaving the pipe in the culvert but DOT will not let that happen now, it was confirmed they did have a conversation with DOT on that.
- It was noted all new brackets have been put on the pipe in the culvert, at this moment it is not going anywhere.
- The commission noted the alternative is to claim this is economically unfeasible and the state had approved once, it did last 50 years.
- The Parkway Commission meets quarterly and there has no meeting date set for this yet. We will need to show them a plan, there next meeting is April and we are not ready yet.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Regnery, seconded by Kelly the Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastromi  
Margaret D. Mastromi, clerk