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MAY 27, 2020  
MINUTES

Call to Order: The Chair called the May 27, 2020 the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Chair asked that each speaker to identify themselves when they speak, where appropriate to provide their title. The Chair also reminded those present only one person should speak at a time and all votes would be taken by roll call of the WPCA Commissioners present.

The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present: Chairman Richard Boggs, Andrew Palo, Jon Greene, Frank Regnery, Scott Thornton, Alternate

Absent: Charles Berezin

Also Present: William C. Maurer, P.E., L.S., Town Engineer/Sewer Administrator, Town Attorney James Nugent, Christine Kurtz of Wright Pierce and John Schmitz of Project Manager, Principal BL Companies

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Approval of Minutes: Moved by Greene, seconded by Regnery to approve the April 22, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	AYE	Nay	Abstain
Richard Boggs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Palo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jon Greene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Regnery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Thornton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Palo)

### New Business:

- Sewer Usage Bill Freeze – The Chair explained through an email exchange Mr. Palo had brought up the discussion regarding a freeze to offset the spike of the water consumption in the summer months, the email exchange will become part of this meeting's record, (see attached). It was to alleviate any hardship for people who see a significant spike in the summer. The Chair noted he had responded by email which will also be part of the record of this meeting, (attached), as he didn't agree with the basic logic, because the difference is discretionary for outdoor water usage. Someone having financial difficulties could easily curtail the usage and another consideration is that the Town has already approved a deferral of payment of WPCA bills and all other tax liabilities for three (3) months.

Mr. Palo explained since we are all home families are using more water, not purposefully it's just because they are home. There are a lot of people in Town hurting, there is 14%-15% unemployment in town and thought the commission might be able to help. The next bill will cover a period of busy water usage for everyone. Mr. Palo noted many questions came to mind such as, if this would hurt the commercial side, or whether the commission has the funds to be able do this, or whether the billing company could do this. He knows his family is using more water because they are home and expects his next bill will be more.

The Chair stated he had previously asked Mr. Maurer if it was possible to get a comparison between the April 2019 and April 2020 sewer usage and to get the difference by percentage, this information is being worked on and is not available yet. The commercial usage will probably be a small fraction of what it is and questioned how that would affect the overall distribution of costs. The commission could look at making an adjustment, but noted that they should keep in mind that this would only redistribute the costs because Bridgeport will not give credit.

Mr. Greene stated he sympathized and noted that the bills will still come in from Bridgeport and per the proposed Bridgeport WPCA FY 2021 budget it appears we may see a rate increase. We don't have a formula for reallocating to other people because we charge a fixed rate per ccf. The Chair stated the funds would come from the reserve and ultimately it would be spread out over everyone who has sewers available depending on how the usage is distributed moving forward.

Mr. Palo stated there was a time when the town had a formula to alleviate this issue during high usage months and that was his intent for one period. He did question whether the funds were available to do this, and whether it is affordable. He was trying to find a way to back to the formula.

Mr. Maurer confirmed for Attorney Nugent the bills are now based on actual consumption and previously it was based on an average over 9 months. Attorney Nugent stated the averaging was due to higher usage in the summer. That is something to consider and questioned what Mr. Palo was exactly proposing. Mr. Palo stated it's a unfair spike because everyone is home, which is why he thought if they were to freeze the bills January through March by charging the same amount for the summer months,

but now he isn't sure if that is fair because commercial would be at a disadvantage, he would expect commercial bills to go down considerably.

The Chair stated they didn't have enough data to make a decision at this meeting. Mr. Maurer explained April is typically the highest flow, due to excess flow due to heavy rains and I&I. We just paid Bridgeport a \$100,000 surcharge.

Ms. Kurtz explained she was here when the billing changed from the 9 months to the 12 months, every ccf that comes in the sewer users pay for, how it was spread out is what changed, there was a catch-up fee at the end of the year as well. The Town has never contributed money towards the bills.

The Chair stated he struggles with this because those that are in need are conserving while others who are not will get a discount on their higher usage. He spoke in favor to find ways to mitigate some of the pain people are experiencing, it is not yet clear as to what is the best way to do it. The Town has already adopted a deferral plan.

Attorney Nugent explained the governor's office directed every municipality to adopt one of two programs. Trumbull adopted the most generous program allowing a full 90-day deferral from the first due date for the most current billing, whether that gets renewed for another 90-days is up to the governor. Homeowners still have the option to install a second exterior water meter. Mr. Greene noted the resident pays Aquarion for the second meter.

Mr. Greene suggested this discussion should be deferred to the next meeting and in the meantime determine and send to Mr. Maurer what data they need. Attorney Nugent added it will be necessary to know if we have the reserves to do this because the bill will be due to Bridgeport.

The Chair stated Mr. Maurer could try to get that information for the next meeting as well as the delta between the April 2019 billing and the April 2020. The current bill is currently deferred giving the commission time.

TABLED by unanimous consent.

- CPI Beardsley Pump Station Force Main Failure Report – Mr. Maurer explained a piece of the pipe that ruptured was analyzed at its failure point, it failed due to the bio-solids under the deposited corrosion associated with sulfide reducing bacteria. This impacted the strength of the iron to a point where it fractured. The section was at a low point of the invert of the pipe, the low point velocity was less than 2' per second. Their recommendation was to do a review of the pipeline hydraulics and spot testing. They are putting a proposal together so we can investigate the cost, this will be less than the \$400,000 put aside. Low sections where the slope of the pipe is flat will be looked at. They expect those to be the problem areas. Another section in Beardsley Park where it's low and over on the Bridgeport side on Stillson Avenue where it goes low again will be checked. The crown of the pipe and the air valves at the high points will also be checked

to see if there is a gas problem. Mr. Maurer confirmed this will focus on specific areas that are vulnerable to that type of corrosion.

It is hard to say what the average lifespan of the pipes is as it depends on the environment. There are some ductal iron pipes that have been in the ground for 100 years and are fine while there are some that have been in the ground 20 years and have had service problems. It has to do with soils, the fluid inside, and other parameters. Ms. Kurtz added it is going to be expensive to fix. We have gotten almost beyond its useful life for this type of system.

Mr. Maurer stated this is the first time we had a break going out of Beardsley to Bridgeport. There had been some previous problems at Plumbtree, there were air release problems putting holes in pipes. Most of the system has been problem free as far as we know.

Ms. Kurtz stated this force main is one of the most critical infrastructure components to 2/3 of this system. Once a force main breaks the only thing that can be done is to fix it. This is part of the transportation system, not the collection system.

On the collection system side, there is I&I investigative work being done, CCTV work has been done on some segments of the system, and is categorized based on what was looked at. There have been immediate repairs when they find something structural. They look for leaks and have dug and fixed or have done a non-invasive joint repair. There is an on-going assembly of knowledge and assessment of the infrastructure. This coupled with the GIS system, will allow them to start looking at specific pipes, such as looking at all of the pipe from the 1930's. The Town will be able to start working even more proactively, this has already begun with the paving program. Trumbull is one of the few communities that looks at storm and sewer pipe underground before paving, so it can be fixed before being paved. The town is already working proactively and will continue to with more investigative work.

Mr. Maurer explained the difficulty is there is only one force main at Beardsley, there is no way to stop the flow going out of the pipe, it flows 24/7. In order to shut it down there would be no place for 2/3 of the Town's sewage to go. That is why it is so critical.

The Chair stated the question was whether there is an overall monitoring of the system, which is why they were considering the technology discussed previously and it may make sense to have more regular monitoring of the pitch points going into Bridgeport. Mr. Maurer noted there is not a way to get into the force main pipe to see what is going on. It's not like the gravity system where you can time it to when it's low and put a camera in the pipe. This is a force main that is always full 24/7.

Ms. Kurtz and Mr. Maurer indicated the system is made up of 185 miles of pipe. Ms. Kurtz stated the Town is proactively looking at the system and also looking at the next most important sections of the collection system utilizing the I&I program and other programs. They also monitor the pump stations daily. There had been a pump station evaluation report done 5-6 years ago identifying which pump stations needed to be

upgraded next. The tricky part comes with the force mains, where they are pumping out. The next oldest force main is Reservoir pump station and that is being looked at now. There are two force mains there, a newer and an older one. People are doing assessments, what is expensive and hard to do is what is related to a force main. Whitney and Reservoir pump stations have two force mains going out of each. On a case by case basis redundancy does happen.

Mr. Maurer explained for the commission you can't detect leaks by pressure because you would have to have pressure points throughout. The pipe diver would be able to measure the thickness of the walls throughout the line, it is very expensive to do so and yes ultimately we may go that way. The first step should be to check where we think the low points that have a relatively shallow pitch are and prioritize the repair areas. Mr. Greene noted the report recommends a sampling approach to begin with. Mr. Maurer concurs with their assessment. Ms. Kurtz added that there are different thickness of pipe throughout its construction. The part that failed was shallow, low pitched and a thinner walled pipe. They are planning on looking for the same combinations that is logically the next failure point. Ms. Maurer agreed. We are awaiting a proposal for this and this is something that could be done relatively quickly.

The range of the Beardsley pumps have been limited in case the force main can't take it. The force main is just under 2 miles long, class one is the thinnest wall and is approximately 1/3 of the main's length, we need to go through and measure each section. There are low areas with low pitch in Beardsley and at Stillson Ave. in Bridgeport. The leak that had been before the force main had been punctured by a rock, you could still see the cement wall, the low section of the force main you couldn't tell it was cement lined.

Ms. Kurtz explained the pipe at the time of construction of the system was so expensive they took the time to strategically design where they could transition and vary the pipe. This is what the drawings show. They vary the types of pipe consistently throughout. Mr. Maurer stated ductal iron was new to the market in the 70's and was becoming popular. They were probably trying to be conservative on cost.

Attorney Nugent stated even though the testing program is expensive and due to the critical nature of the force main, another breach which is also expensive to repair there should be serious consideration to getting the whole line tested and knowing exactly where it stands. This will allow the commission to be able to budget. It is 50 years old and we've been fortunate but weren't fortunate recently and we may have to bite the bullet and spend the money to get it tested so we are fully informed. It is too critical to the Town's infrastructure. The Chair agreed.

Ms. Kurtz explained there is typical engineering practices, the CCTV has standards on how to review when you camera a pipe. As for the program, CMON is a popular buzz word and is about maintenance on the system. The Town has had a CMON evaluation and has gotten feedback on that, has asset management and CIP plans. The low lying areas will be looked at, when they do that they will understand how much farther they have to go and how quickly. A parallel thought would be to include the cost to replace

the force main in segments within the 5 year CIP plan. There are some typical strategies to do this with asset management. CIP plans are becoming very popular these days because communities are being forced to invest in their systems significantly because they hadn't been looked at regularly. There are typical ways to approach an understanding of the condition of the system, the Town is doing that. There are no state or Federal regulations that stipulate checking the force main thickness every so many years, but it's the towns' responsibility to have an understanding of the general condition of the system.

The commission spoke in favor of developing a plan moving forward. A 2-mile force main, (10,000 ft.) at approximately \$300 per foot with no state roads or crossings would be \$3 million, but we do have stream crossings and high traffic areas by RT 25, the flow would need to be bypassed throughout, it would cost \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. This is a 20" pipe, we can't afford to lose any of the diameter.

The Chair noted topic would be revisited.

- COVID-19 Monitoring Email Discussion – The Chair explained this was an email that he had sent out regarding technology that can identify trends in COVID-19 concentrations by testing sewer outflows. He thought this was fascinating and shared it with the commission without thinking that it would have to be part of the public record. He thought it was interesting and wanted the commission to be aware of this. The email correspondence will become part of the record of this meeting, (attached). There is nothing for the commission to act on.
- Beardsley Pump Station Rehabilitation Kovacs Change-Order #2 – The bulk of the change-order was for the force main repair in Beardsley Park. Also two (2) sections of pipe and fittings were purchased for the 20" force main because it's not a stock item, we have it on hand in case it's needed again. That is the bulk of the change order, the total change-order amount is \$35,195.17. The force main repair was approximately \$20,000 and \$17,000 for the extra pipe, the rest were credits.

Moved by Palo, seconded by Regnery to approve Kovacs Change-Order #2 in the amount of \$35,195.17. The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	AYE	Nay	Abstain
Richard Boggs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Palo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Greene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Regnery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Thornton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

- Bridgeport WPCA Proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget – Mr. Maurer indicated Bridgeport’s WPCA proposed budget includes a rate increase. It’s proposed to go to \$6.124 from \$5.95. (\$5.74 is the blended rate currently billed to Trumbull residents, which represents the 3.6% reduction approved by this commission to equalize the rates until year 9 of the contract). If Bridgeport approves the rate increase, this commission would need to look at the rate. Mr. Greene stated that would be approximately a .22 increase bringing the rate to \$5.90. Mr. Maurer explained the other rates included in the proposed Bpt. WPCA FY 2021 budget are not what Trumbull pays Bridgeport, Trumbull pays on flow only.
- Quarterly Year-To-Date Budget Report – The Commission reviewed the Year-to-Date report. The Chair shared his screen as they reviewed the report dated May 22, 2020. The fiscal year is through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Wherever numbers are revenue they are considered 100% because that is what was taken in to date. There is one month left in this fiscal year, the bills have been sent out for the last quarter. The report includes only the actual numbers to date taken in. The project fees are reflected in the program revenue acct. # 430000. The most recent Reservoir Avenue project fee in the amount of \$185,000 has been received but the Finance department had not posted at the time of this report.

Old Business:

- K&K Developers - Sewer Connection at 5085 Main Street, Parcel E11-170 (Formerly Stuart Place, Whalburn Avenue, and Stuart Place parcels)

Mr. Maurer stated the proposed development at 5085 Main Street is for 260 apartments and one clubhouse, currently they are being billed Two (2) units, one(1) on Whalburn and one (1) on Stuart Place, those are credited, therefore the developer installed unit charge will be 259 units at \$2,500 per unit which totals \$647,500.

With regard to the capacity report it has since been determined and a plan has been submitted by BL Companies showing where the other main connections are. The food court and most of the other portions of the mall are going into the other 30” main. We are safe and have capacity. A standard multiplier was used.

Ms. Kurtz explained the TR-16 are the guidelines they use for design of treatment in collection systems, the state suggests it. The peaking factor depends on the size of the system, there is a chart that helps determine the peaking factor. They also have flow data from Trumbull from throughout the years and metering programs to be a second source of information. The bulk of the flow is in the bigger pipe, there is capacity for the 8” pipe, even without the new information the numbers worked and there was capacity, now with segments of the mall going to the bigger pipe, there is room to take the flow. The capacity numbers contained in the report were before submission of the BL information, it reflects the worst case scenario.

Mr. Greene clarified if the entire mall went through the 8” pipe they would have been 10%-15% over capacity at peak times, which it is now known is not the case. Ms. Kurtz could come back with a number representing what the reserve will be. Ms. Kurtz

confirmed for Mr. Regnery that the 8” pipe based on the slope would be good for the 580,000, the existing houses are only taking 42,000 and the new development will be 283,000, (this is peak flow), the three establishments, Cheescake Factory, Whalburgers and Lord & Taylor still have to be added in.

The Chair stated peak flow will be at different times for a mall v. a residence. Ms. Kurtz stated it is also indicative of I&I. The question is would the peak at the mall ever be at the same time as a residence, maybe not, but would you ever have been able to plan for the mall being closed for three months, these are the type of scenarios we can’t anticipate. The diurnal flow is the at the same time on a daily basis people getting ready for the day and at the end of the night, treatment centers see that. This peak flow in the report also takes into account excess flow and I&I. Mr. Regnery clarified the numbers contained in the report are conservative and work, there is capacity, the memo doesn’t reflect this because it was thought that there were only 3 establishments on the 8” line but it was not known for sure. Ms. Kurtz stated it was suggested the developer look at where the plumbing actually comes out of the mall and where it connects, they have started to do that and came up with this new information that Wright Pierce didn’t have at the time of this report. The Chair noted the motion could include conditions.

Mr. Maurer stated they could approve with conditions that show documentation there is capacity for that section of pipe and if not they would have to increase the diameter of the pipe.

Moved by Palo, seconded by Regnery to approve the sewer connection at 5085 Main Street, Parcel E11-170 (Formerly Stuart Place, Whalburn Avenue, and Stuart Place parcels) with conditions and a developer installed unit charge of \$647,500 (261 units, less two (2) existing units x \$2,500=\$647,500) shall be paid to the Authority. The conditions are as follows:

- Submit documents showing there is capacity and;
- If there is not enough capacity the pipe diameter shall be increased.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	AYE	Nay	Abstain
Richard Boggs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Palo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Greene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Regnery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Thornton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Maurer confirmed for Attorney Nugent the clubhouse was included as a unit charge

- 2020 Fiscal Year WPCA Budget Update – Mr. Maurer stated the FY 2021 budget was approved by the Council last week, the only change was the employees’ cost of living increase was taken out.
- Beardsley Pump Station Rehabilitation Update – Mr. Maurer stated there had been training on the VFD’s (variable frequency drives), pump controls, and the pumps today, and next week there is training on the generator. Kovacs is continually working on the site grading and curbing. There are final touch ups on the outside, and some minor fit-ups still to do such as tile work, painting and vac items. They should be finished by early July. Mr. Maurer explained until they have assurance that the force main would hold up they will not run the pumps at their full speed. With a couple of the recent heavy rain storms , the little pumps couldn’t keep up so the bigger pumps did kick on and were able to handle the capacity with no problem, but they didn’t go to full speed.
- Old Town and Reservoir Avenue Pump Stations Update – Mr. Maurer stated they had just supplied Arcadis with information needed for the final document, (the profile under the bridges in Reservoir Avenue), and hopes to go out to bid soon. They want to move that forward as soon as possible.

Any Other Business That May Come Before the Authority – None

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Palo, seconded by Regnery. The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	AYE	Nay	Abstain
Richard Boggs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Palo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Greene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Regnery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Thornton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously the Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret D. Mastroni, WPCA Clerk

**From:** [Richard Boggs](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Palo](#); [rcboggs@charter.net](mailto:rcboggs@charter.net)  
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**Subject:** RE: [External] Agenda Item  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:53:51 AM

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Andy

I appreciate your intent here and have no problem adding this to the agenda for consideration, but am struggling a bit with the idea of the WPCA funding the conveyance of what is primarily discretionary water usage on the basis of hardship. The difference between consumption during the period from Jan-March and April-June is mostly exterior use, for lawn irrigation, plant watering, car washing and the like. Any resident having financial difficulties can easily curtail these kinds of things to save money if necessary. It would be interesting to see if we can get the data comparing residential water use from April 2019 and April 2020 to see the impact all the people working from home has had, but that may be a tall order. Assuming most Trumbull residents work elsewhere, it may be sufficient to just look at total water usage, hopefully with the Trumbull Mall broken out from these totals. If the difference between April water use in 2019 and 2020 is significant, that would suggest that the COVID-19 impact should be considered in addition to the usual seasonal variations, and your case is stronger.

That said, we can certainly consider allowing residents to defer payment of WPCA bills without penalty, as the town has already done with property tax bills, as long as our cash position will allow this. Hopefully we can get enough information prior to our meeting to make an assessment of the most appropriate course. Bill, can you help with this?

Regards,  
Rick

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**From:** Andrew Palo [mailto:dobler000@aol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:45 PM

**To:** Richard Boggs <[RBoggs@fando.com](mailto:RBoggs@fando.com)>; [rcboggs@charter.net](mailto:rcboggs@charter.net)

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**Subject:** [External] Agenda Item

Richard,

First off, I hope you and everyone on this distribution are doing well. I'd like to ask if you could include the following as a discussion item on our next agenda. I recently received my WPCA bill which covers the period of April, May & June. This bill is derived from water readings from 1/1/20 through 3/31/20. In light of the financial difficulties so many of our residents face during these unprecedented times and heading into heavier water usage months (especially with so many people staying home), I was wondering if we could freeze the amount due from this bill and apply it to the next bill that will go out. So, the bill that would cover the months of July, August & September, calculated from water readings from 4/1/20 through 6/30/20, would be the same as the bill we just received.

The questions that come to my mind are whether we can do this logistically and financially. Can the company who sends out our bills handle such a request? Can we as a Commission afford what I believe would be a reduction of revenues for one period? I'd like to eventually request that someone ask the Director of Finance how much revenue historically we've generated from these two billings. I'd like to get a handle as to how much revenue, if any, we'd be losing. Ideally, if it could be broken out by commercial versus residential, that would be fantastic but I don't even know if we are able to generate this information at all.

As you well know, in the past, the Town used to try to adjust for water usage that impacts just the sewer system via a complex formula. I'd like to see our Commission help our residents financially, if possible, for this one period as we used to do in the past with that formula. Back then the Town kicked in the difference between what we actually were billed and what the WPCA charged. I am hoping to accomplish this by not getting the Town involved and seeing if we, as a Commission, can afford this financially. I really think it's the right thing to do during this difficult time for so many.

Lastly, I'd like to ask that this email be included in our next packet for discussion purposes if the item is added to the agenda.

Thanks,

Andy Palo

**From:** James Nugent  
**To:** jon@network-1.com  
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**Subject:** Re: [External] Sewers: The Signature of Our Community  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:23:46 AM

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Emails to a quorum of the commission are discoverable under FOI and this constitutes a meeting. We will have to include these as part of the minutes at the next meeting in order to comply with FOI rules

Sent from my iPad

On May 6, 2020, at 12:29 AM, "jon@network-1.com" <jon@network-1.com> wrote:

In order to be useful that approach would have to be done in every sewer community and tied to extensive testing and contact tracking by health experts. Therefore, it would have to be a state initiative in conjunction with local health departments. I think our role, or really the sewer administrator's role with at most our approval (and, frankly, I'm not even sure that's required), would be to facilitate the testing by whoever the state would designate. Does anyone know if there is such an initiative?

Jon

P.S. Question for Attorney Nugent: Does email discussion among the entire body stray into potential open meeting law conflicts? At a minimum I presume the emails are FOIA discoverable and I don't think anyone would have a problem with that (I wouldn't say anything in email that I wouldn't say in public), but I want to understand if there are boundaries we should not cross.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: [External] Sewers: The Signature of Our Community  
From: Richard Boggs <RBoggs@fando.com>  
Date: Tue, May 05, 2020 5:54 pm  
To: Margaret Mastroni <mmastroni@trumbull-ct.gov>, Andrew Palo <dobler000@aol.com>, "Charles Berezin (Cberezin@aol.com)" <Cberezin@aol.com>, "charles.r.berezin (charles.r.berezin@lmco.com)" <charles.r.berezin@lmco.com>, "Frank Regnery-WPCA (Frank.Regnery@fticonsulting.com)" <Frank.Regnery@fticonsulting.com>, "Jon Greene (jon@network-1.com)" <jon@network-1.com>, "Jongreene@yahoo.com" <jongreene@yahoo.com>, "Richard Boggs (rcboggs@charter.net)" <rcboggs@charter.net>, "Scott Thornton (Scottthorntonmd@yahoo.com)" <Scottthorntonmd@yahoo.com>  
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A friend of mine shared this earlier today, and I thought you'd all find it interesting. Does COVID-19 monitoring fall within our area of responsibility?

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Good Afternoon Commissioners,

Attached are the 04-22-2020 WPCA minutes.

Have a nice afternoon,

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