WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Town of Trumbull

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5866 MAIN STREET
TRUMBULL, CT 06611

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Chairman Frank Regnery, Vice-Chairman John Bryk, Bruce Elstein, Nancy Walkley

ALSO PRESENT: WPCA Administrator/Town Engineer William Maurer, Town Attorney James Nugent and Christine Kurtz of Wright Pierce

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MINUTES APPROVAL: Moved by Elstein, seconded by Bryk to approve the July 22, 2026, minutes as submitted.

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VOTE: Motion CARRIED 3-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Walkley)

NEW BUSINESS:

Whitney Avenue Force-main Break/Burns Const. Invoice Approval:

- Bill Maurer explained a recent force-main break at Whitney Avenue pump station was about 100 gallons which was detected and addressed quickly; the estimated repair bill is approximately $12,500 but was deferred for approval until the corrected billing format is received and reviewed.
- There have been repeated breaks over two to three years and are attributed to aging cast-iron pipe and air pockets. The affected section runs from the end of Broadway to 200' of Wauneta, (St. Joseph's Manor area on Main Street).
- Wright Pierce is developing a lining plan and air-vent solution; capital funds are available.
- Attorney Nugent and the Chair gave a brief overview of the history of force-main issues in recent years for the new commissioner, (Commissioner Walkley). It was noted that this is mainly due to the aging infrastructure as well as other problems that add to the degradation of this pipe.
- It was confirmed there was no issue with the stream and/or river.

OLD BUSINESS:

#11 Pam Bar, Shelton CT - Request to Connect to Trumbull Sewer System:

- The Chair summarized the background to this request for Commissioner Walkley.

- The commission found documentation that Shelton's approval for sewer work depended on providing laterals for approximately 11 Shelton homes. The records indicated that sewer laterals to the curb were part of Shelton's approval for the Street Opening permit l for Trumbull's sewer project, the records/minutes were part of this meeting's agenda packet.
- The assessment amount and lien would not finalized that would be the subject of another meeting and public hearing.
- The current contract with the Bridgeport WPCA requires the Town of Trumbull seek approval for out-of-town connections. The commission discussed that the Shelton Pam Bar Road arrangement predates the current contract.
- It was confirmed the most recent request to connect by a Shelton resident was 8 Pam Bar Road, which was approved before the change in interpretation of the contract by the Bridgeport WPCA and the Trumbull WPCA's approval of Out-of-Town Connections to the Trumbull Sanitary Sewer System Policy at its May 2026 meeting. The town attorney confirmed preapproval is in the Trumbull-Bridgeport contract now.
- Town Attorney Nugent confirmed he did read the documents included in the agenda packet. The exchange of emails does demonstrate that allowing connections was a condition of Shelton's approval for the town to run its sanitary sewer line in this specific location whether that allows particular residents to enforce that condition might be an open question, or whether Shelton could enforce it, perhaps that's another issue, but that condition is clearly stated. The Chair agreed and noted there was definitely an understanding, the laterals were provided.
- The commission discussed that this is something that preexisted the policy approved in May of 2026. The Chair noted the policy could be amended with language that speak to preexisting agreements. It was questioned whether the design of sewer projects is reviewed by Bridgeport. Bill Maurer noted that he was not aware if they had as that would predate his tenure with the town. The contract 5 design dis not go to Bridgeport, but that contract did not move forward.
- It was confirmed the current contract requires Trumbull approval for certain out-of-town connections, while the Pam Bar arrangement predates the current contract. The contract is in a three-year extension after its original term ended, and future operating arrangements will require negotiation.

Moved by Bryk, seconded by Elstein to approve the 11 Pam Bar, Shelton CT request to connect to Trumbull Sewer System.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Moved by Walkley, seconded by Bryk to amend the approval to connect 11 Pam Bar, Shelton CT to the Trumbull Sewer System, by adding the following language, "At the time of assessment the homeowner would need to pay the assessment in full so they could connect to the Trumbull sanitary sewer system." VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

- The commission discussed giving Bridgeport notice of this approval and it was confirmed Town Attorney Nugent will send a letter to the Bridgeport WPCA.
- A copy of the current Trumbull-WPCA Bridgeport contract would be distributed to the commissioners who do not have a copy.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Elstein and seconded by Walkley the Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni

Margaret D. Mastroni, clerk