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**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN HALL**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, April 16, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

**This meeting can be viewed on Cox Channel 16 or Channel 6082 if your provider is Frontier and will be live streamed on the Town's website at <http://gmedia.swagit.com/live>.**

**A. Roll Call**

**B. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

1. March 3, 2020 Public Hearing
2. March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

**C. Unfinished Business**

1. Miller Road Sewer Benefit Assessment (Approval)

**D. Adjournment**

MEMBERS OF THE WPCA THAT ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE CALL ETHER DIAZ, (860) 644-2511, EXT. 243, ON OR BEFORE 4:30 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING. Comments can be emailed to [Wpcacomment@southwindsor-ct.gov](mailto:Wpcacomment@southwindsor-ct.gov). WPCA members will not respond to any public comments/questions.

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**A. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Thomas Ruby, Carol Fletterick, Steven King, Jr., Toby Lewis, Ashwatha Narayana, and Stephen Wagner

**Members Absent:** Erik Dabrowski

**Alternates Present:** Vicki Paliulis

**Alternates Absent:** Shawn Jacobaccio

**Staff Present:** Tony Manfre, Superintendent of Pollution Control  
Vanessa Perry, Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director  
Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

Chairman Thomas Ruby called the special meeting/virtual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He explained that Ms. Vanessa Perry, Assistant Town Manager was joining the live stream meeting to assist with the technical production. Chairman Ruby also explained that the special meeting is being held as such because the WPCA regular meeting earlier this month was unable to be streamed due to a technical problem, therefore, the meeting is void and the Authority is reconvening to take up any actions that were addressed at that meeting. The following actions were taken during the April 16, 2020 Special Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA).

**B. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

1. March 3, 2020, Public Hearing

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2020 public hearing as presented.

The motion was made by Mr. Toby Lewis and seconded by Ms. Carol Fletterick. Mr. Ashwatha Narayana and Mr. Stephen Wagner abstained as they were not in attendance at this meeting. The motion passed.

2. March 3, 2020, Regular Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2020 regular meeting as amended with minor grammatical corrections.

The motion was made by Ms. Carol Fletterick and seconded by Mr. Toby Lewis. Mr. Ashwatha Narayana and Mr. Stephen Wagner abstained as they were not in attendance at this meeting. The motion passed.

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**C. Unfinished Business**

**1. Miller Road Sewer Benefit Assessment (Approval)**

Included with the agenda was a copy of the proposed sewer benefit assessments for properties on Miller Road (see Exhibit A).

Motion to approve the sewer benefit assessments to properties located on Miller Road as presented and discussed during the March 3, 2020 WPCA meeting in conformance with Connecticut State Statute 7-249 and Section 14.7 of the WPCA Rules and Regulations.

Motion was made by Mr. Toby Lewis and seconded by Mr. Stephen Wagner.

Mr. Ashwatha Narayana explained that he did a write-up on this matter which members of the Authority received a copy of and asked if anyone had any questions. Chairman Ruby explained that Mr. Manfre responded via an email to the comments made by Mr. Narayana and that each communication was to be appended to the meeting minutes (see Exhibit B & C). Mr. Toby Lewis expressed that he read Mr. Narayana's write-up and it was well written and looks appropriate, however, he asked if it was accurate. Mr. Ruby responded that the motion is restricted to the sewer benefit of assessment itself as set up in the WPCA regulations. The discussion as to what the project cost took place two years ago when the project went forward. The only action before the Authority is to follow the regulations and vote on the sewer benefit assessment, said Chairman Ruby.

At this time Ms. Vicki Paliulis joined the virtual meeting.

Mr. Stephen Wagner explained that Mr. Manfre's email mentions that one family had already connected to the town's sanitary sewer system on Cambridge Drive. Are they not included in the assessment, asked Mr. Wagner. No, they are not included in the proposed sewer benefit assessment for Miller Road as they've connected several years prior, responded Mr. Manfre.

With no further discussion and upon a roll call vote the motion passed as follows: Ayes: Carol Fletterick, Stephen King, Jr., Toby Lewis, Vicki Paliulis, Thomas Ruby and Mr. Stephen Wagner. Opposed: Ashwatha Narayana.

**D. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 5:40 pm.

The motion was made by Mr. Stephen Wagner and seconded by Ms. Carol Fletterick. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ether Diaz, Recording Secretary

Received 2/11/2020 @ 2 PM  
Cristine Cannella, TTC

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

Exhibit A

**SEWER ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTIES ON**  
**Miller Road      Rye Street**

Pursuant to Chapter 103 Section 7-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the South Windsor Water Pollution Control Authority proposes to levy sewer assessments for the following properties and this list was filed in the office of the Town Clerk on February 11, 2020. The property owner may elect to pay said assessment in 15 equal installments. The first payment shall be due on the first day of November or the first day of May; whichever occurs first, after the property connects to the public sewer.

Appeals from such assessment must be taken within twenty-one days after said filing; Any person aggrieved by any assessment may appeal to the Superior Court for the judicial district and shall bring any such appeal to a return day of said court not less than twelve or more than thirty days after service thereof and such appeal be privileged in respect to its assignment for trial.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SEWER ASSESSMENT TOTAL</u>
44 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
54 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
55 Miller Road	\$ 25,787.61
64 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
65 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
73 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
74 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
80 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
84 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
94 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
99 Miller Road	\$ 20,630.09
375 Rye Street	\$ 7,525.00

Thomas Ruby, Chairman  
Water Pollution Control Authority

Apr 16, 2020

From : Ashwatha Narayana  
Member, South Windsor WPCA

TO : Chairman,  
South Windsor WPCA

RE: Special Meeting of the Authority,  
Seeking Approval to the Miller Rd Sewer Benefit Assessments

The Assessments are extremely high, as high as \$25,000 by the time the property owners connect their laterals to the new sewer. It could go even higher, up to \$30,000 if they encounter rock ledge while connecting. From what I understand, this project came into being because two properties out of ten or so had failed septic systems.

I read a detailed report written by Tony on the history of this project. From what I understand from the report, the consulting engineer hired for the project considered alternatives to find a solution for the problem. Gravity sewer and pumping system with low pressure force main were considered as options. The report said that even though the pumping alternate was cheaper but the life cycle analysis did not come out in its favor. Therefore the gravity sewer was utilized and designed and built.

Two things I'd like to point out here. Tony's report did not say if the consultant considered engineered system for the onsite disposal as an option. Therefore I am assuming that the engineer did not consider this to be an option. Next, the engineer ruled out the pumping system due to unfavorable results from some life cycle analysis. There were no cost figures presented in the report for the options considered.

Mr Chairman, I was involved in the design of grinder pump stations and their installations in each of more than 90 houses, all around the Lake Pocotopaug, in East Hampton, CT. This was in the late 1970s. This was a part of a large project to clean up the water in the lake. I spoke with the East Hampton WPCA and found that all those grinder pump stations are performing as designed. That was more than 40 years ago. Also, two grinder pump stations that I designed and installed in Ansonia around the same time, are still in service. While we have this kind of track record for the grinder pump stations, I don't know what kind of life cycle analysis was performed resulting in gravity sewer as favored option.

Let us not forget that the proposed Assessments cover only 80% of the project cost. The remaining 20% of the cost will be shared by all sewer users in South Windsor.

Under the circumstances, I feel that the proposed Assessments are unfair, unreasonable and cost prohibitive. I am therefore unable to support any resolution seeking approval of the Assessments as proposed.

Mr Chairman, may I request you please to read this into the minutes of the meeting, thank you.

--Ashwatha Narayana

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**From:** Manfre, Anthony  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 3:07 PM  
**To:** Ashwatha Narayana; Carol Fletterick; Erik Dabrowski; Shawn Jacobaccio; Stephen Wagner contact; Steven King Jr .; Tobey Lewis; Tom Ruby; Vicki Paliulis  
**Cc:** Diaz, Ether  
**Subject:** WPCA-Miller Road  
**Attachments:** Blank 50.docx

Good Afternoon,

The attached communication from Ashwatha Narayana regarding the Miller Road sewer assessment, originally sent to Tom Ruby and Toby Lewis earlier today, has been forwarded to me by the Chairman for distribution to all members of the Authority. As most of the current membership was not in office at the time the decisions on this sewer extension project were made, I am providing the following addendum of background information for your benefit.

The alternative of utilizing an engineered system for the property facing septic system failure was explored by the homeowner. An engineer associated with the homeowner examined the situation and reported that such an option would require five feet of soil to be added to the front yard of the residence which was not going to be a viable option.. The Authority does not have jurisdiction to intervene in that decision by the property owner.

There was one property in need of an immediate solution to septic failure. However, several other properties in this neighborhood have had similar experiences, with one able to successfully connect to the sewer system at Cambridge Drive and others repairing, rebuilding and/or having restricted use. Analysis of soil conditions shows this area to have poor draining qualities. Septic system records acquired by the Pollution Control Department indicate that future septic system failures are likely. Running individual private force mains for each residence as needed arose but was not deemed as a practical solution.

The 80% assessment value is determined by regulations adopted by the Authority which also postpone any payment being due until the time of connection. The caveat on the land record following the sewer benefit assessment is required by statute.

I am providing this information to assist in the efficiency of any discussion during our teleconferenced meeting later today and will respond with additional information as requested.

Thank you for your time and continuing cooperation in managing essential public services during this public health emergency.

Tony