

Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of the
Suffield Water Pollution Control Authority & Treatment Facility
May 30, 2023

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Janet Davis, Chairman
Frank Bauchiero
Jeff Davis
Roger Ives
John Murphy
Chris Rago

MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Dan Holmes

ALSO PRESENT:

Jamie Kreller, Superintendent
Julie Nigro, Business Administrator

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Janet Davis called the Public Hearing Meeting for May 30, 2023 to order at 7:00 p.m.
- **CITIZEN INPUT:** None
- **2023/2024 BUDGET:**
 - Janet Davis read the legal notice of May 18, 2023 in the *Journal Inquirer*, as included below and part of the minutes.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF SUFFIELD
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Suffield Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the Water Pollution Treatment Facility, 844 East St. South, in Suffield Connecticut on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following items:

The Authority will present and discuss the proposed Sewer Use Fee for the Kent Farms Community Sewerage System.

The proposed schedule of Sewer Use Fees for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Kent Farms Community Sewerage System is as follows:

Kent Farms Community Sewerage System: \$440.00

A copy of the proposed fees is on file at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 83 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078.

The Authority will present and discuss the proposed 2023/2024 WPCA Budget for approval by the WPCA.

Journal Inquirer
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Janet Davis
Chairman
Water Pollution Control Authority
Suffield, Connecticut

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• **2023/2024 BUDGET Discussion**

- The draft budget was discussed with Members asking questions about specific line items.
- Frank Bauchiero asked about the Vactor lease cost and number of payments left.
- Janet Davis asked about the status of grant application through the State of Connecticut for the Stony Brook project.
- **2023/2024 SEWER USE LEVY FOR KENT FARMS COMMUNITY SEWAGE SYSTEM:**
The WPCA is proposing an increase of the yearly fees for the Kent Farms Community Sewerage System from \$370 to \$440. The fees only cover the operations and maintenance of the Kent Farms system. Individual septic tanks need replacement, and the cost of the replacement is not covered by the yearly fees. The Members discussed the cadence & costs of replacing 3 tanks a year; there are 44 total tanks. Replacement hinges on the integrity of the leach field. The Members discussed a \$70 increase for the user fees, in addition with drawing funds from the Kent Farms Capital Account to cover these costs:
 - i. Engineering study to determine the integrity of the leach field
 - ii. Replacement of 3 tanks for fiscal 2023-2024.

If the work is done by the WPCA operators, a \$70 increase in the yearly fees per unit in the community sewage system this year, would pay for one tank replacement; and the costs for the other two tank replacements would be paid from the Kent Farms Capital account. If the work is done by a contractor, the additional cost will need to be covered by the Kent Farms Capital Account, as the contractor fees would be substantially higher.

The Members also discussed the integrity of the leach field and it's expected life, which will be determined by the engineering study. That is the deciding factor for the decision to either replace the tanks, or to connect the Kent Farms community to public sewer, which would be more expensive.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Jeff Davis motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing Meeting of May 16, 2023 at 7:23 pm
- Frank Bauchiero seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Julie M. Nigro
Business Administrator