



Colchester Sewer and Water Commission **Hybrid Special Meeting Minutes Draft**

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MEETING: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

TIME: 7:30 p.m. or upon conclusion of public hearing

LOCATION: Town Hall, First Selectman's Conference

1. Meeting called to Order 7:31 pm, by Vice Chair Ron Silberman
Attending: Ron Silberman, Greg LePage, Tom Hochdorfer, Steve Coyle, Jeff Duigou, Katherine Hall, Christopher Ozmun
Public Works Director Joe Leone
2. Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission Meeting Minutes:
 - a. January 24, 2024 Special Meeting Greg made the motion, seconded by Tom. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0 with 3 abstentions
 - b. February 28, 2024 Regular Meeting Steve made the motion, seconded by Tom. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously
3. Citizens' Comments
Deanna B spoke about shut off fee's and notices, CT Water's response to customers in need and their rates, the ARPA program being offered through Youth and Social Services and what the sewer & water department is doing to get information out to the residents
4. Finance
 - a. February Monthly Reports – Joe went over the numbers explaining how things were looking like thing would be over budget due to increased cost from Joint Facilities. He explained how the department is catching up from the staff transition last year and identifying what is outstanding to be done. Joe went

over the aging report identifying how delinquency is looking and the collections effort to bring in past due balances. SB Church would be on site soon for revitalization project.

5. Sewer Activity

- a. Hebron Billing invoices are current and everything has been paid through January. February's bill was emailed to Kevin Kelly, March 13, 2024
- b. To Date we have collected \$320,699.04 from Hebron

6. Water Activity

- a. Received Bid's for Elmwood Heights Water Tank Recoating – Joe discussed that bids have been received and reviewed

7. Old Business

- a. Shutoff work orders issued – Joe stated about 30 shut off work orders had been issued- Joe advised these were complete and some residents have since paid in full
- b. Board of Selectman approved ARPA funding for bill assistance for qualified residents, made available through Youth & Social Services – Ron asked how the department is getting word out to residents and provided idea's, suggested a notice in the office.

8. New Business

- a. John Doran Niantic Bay Sewer Credit Request – Joe explained the correspondence from John and the reasoning for why John was asking for a Sewer credit on his bill. The commission asked why the ratepayer was not there himself to plead his case. No action taken.
- b. Motion for the Commission to send the Sewer operating budget of \$1,353,850 & Water operating Budget of \$1,214,787 to be placed before the Colchester WPCA for approval and adoption – Steve made the motion, seconded by Greg. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Citizens Comments

Deanna B reminded commission to identify themselves when speaking

10. Adjourn – Katherine made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Greg at 8:04pm