

BLRWPCA BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023 – 7:00 P.M
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The BLRWPCA Board held a meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, with Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were Mike Purcaro, Dan Champagne, Jim Rupert, Terry Hjarne and Mike Ruef.

1. Call to Order.

R. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Movement of agenda items.

6. New Business:

b. Collection Enforcement Recommendation (Vernon Tax Collector)

Terry Hjarne stated that there were nine properties totaling \$57,700 when the tax sale began in April 2022, and three properties made payments, so the total amount for collection was reduced to \$38,900. And as of today, one more payment was made by 21 Colonial Road, Bolton, and the balance went down to \$15,000. Furthermore, there is a good chance that the bank will redeem 1 Llynwood Dr., Bolton, before the tax sale on March 1st, and if that happens, that will leave one property, which is 38 Anchorage Rd., Vernon. Terry added that she also has sent 22 inchoate lien notices for delinquent assessments, and around five of those have a small balance, but the letter was sent anyway for the payment to be made.

Motion: I move that the BLRWPCA moved the agenda to the item 2. Executive Session Regarding Legal Advice for Shady Glen Drainage.

1st: Dan Champagne

2nd: Mike Purcaro

Vote: Yes: Robert Morra, Jim Rupert, Dan Champagne and Mike Purcaro

No: None

Absent: Richard Hayes.

3. Public Comment.

No public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes.

Motion: I move the BLRWPCA Board approved the minutes as presented.
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1st: Dan Champagne

2nd: J. Rupert

Vote: Yes: Robert Morra, Jim Rupert, Dan Champagne and Mike Purcaro

No: None

Absent: Richard Hayes.

5. Correspondence.

No action was taken.

Movement of agenda items.

7. Pending Business:

a. Discussion with Town of Coventry Regarding Sewer Extension.

Mike Ruef stated that the next step in the project is to send a letter to the Manchester Board of Directors asking to modify the service area map in the intermunicipal agreement, and nothing else will change, just the map to include the properties in Coventry. And once Manchester approves the project, they will have to work out some details of the new intermunicipal agreement between BLRWPCA and Coventry.

The letter will be sent to the board for them to review and make a few changes, and Mike Ruef has requested that we include him in the emails. Mike Ruef also asked if, once the letter is revised by the board, he could send the letter to Manchester or wait until the next meeting. Robert Morra said that if both towns' attorneys agree and the board is comfortable with the edits, the letter can be signed and sent out without another BLRWPCA meeting.

Motion: I move the BLRWPCA Board decided that once the letter is reviewed, it will be sent back to Coventry for signage. Once Coventry signs the letter, this will be returned to Bolton and Vernon for signage as well. And after this process, Coventry can move forward with sending the letter to Manchester.

1st: Dan Champagne

2nd: Mike Purcaro

Vote: Yes: Robert Morra, Jim Rupert, Dan Champagne and Mike Purcaro

No: None

Absent: Richard Hayes.

6. New Business:

a. 9 Beechwood Road, Vernon – Grinder Pump Easement Agreement

Mike Purcaro had some questions about the distance of the grinder pump from the property, and Jim Rupert said that the distance isn't really an issue; where the grinder pump is placed may actually be where it has to go in order to achieve the necessary elevation for it to drain. The sewer alarm panel has to be inside the grinder pump because there is a circuit breaker in the control panel, so if a technician is working on the grinder pump, they can shut the alarm off and lock it out, so it's safer.

6. New Business:

c. FY 2023/2024 Budget

Jim Rupert explained that the proposal for the fiscal budget year is \$199,200.00. Dan Champagne asked about the administrative cost for engineering, and Jim Rupert said that he and Robert Morra had some conversations with a couple of companies to provide those services, but they have yet to get an actual estimate from them.

Dan Champagne asked what was in the savings account, and Robert Morra said that the estimate was that there was around \$22,000.

Jim Rupert explained that the cost for equipment went up dramatically; last year the cost for the grinder pump was around \$2,300, and this year it is around \$4,000. Because of that, a discussion about increasing the sewer fees to help with the fund balance was made. Jim Rupert also said that there is an opportunity to increase the permit's fees. Dan Champagne wants to know how many grinder pumps they have and how many they've replaced since the beginning, and this list should be in maintenance for future budgets.

Motion: I move the BLRWPCA Board decided to send out a letter saying that the sewer fee per EDU will increase, making it \$105.00 per quarter. The letter will also state the reason for the increase and that the BLRWPCA is responsible for repairing the grinder pump, unless the cause of the repair was caused by the property's residents. The board also wants to include in the letter that they are pursuing additional residencies at Coventry. Highlight the date and the amount of \$105.00.

1st: Dan Champagne

2nd: Robert Morra

Vote: Yes: Robert Morra, Jim Rupert, Dan Champagne and Mike Purcaro

No: None

Absent: Richard Hayes.

6. Pending Business:

b. Set up Public Hearing for Budget.

Next meeting and public hearing it will be on Wednesday April 26th, 2023.

7. Pending Business:

b. Vacancies on Board

Robert Morra has an application for the board of selectmen approve on their March 7, meeting.
Jim Rupert reminder Dan Champagne and Mike Purcaro to check their terms expiration date.

1. Adjournment.

Motion: I move that the BLRWPCA Board adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

1st: Dan Champagne

2nd: Robert Morra

Vote: Yes: Robert Morra, Jim Rupert, Dan Champagne and Mike Purcaro

No: None

Absent: Richard Hayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suellen Kamara

Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for corrections to these Minutes and any corrections hereto.