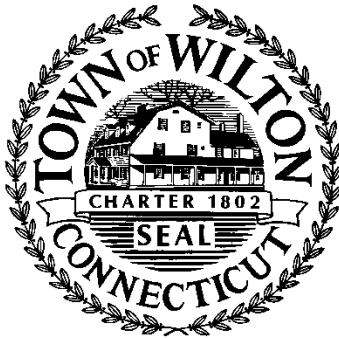


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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
HELD ELECTRONICALLY
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, January 19, 2023

PRESENT: Lynne Vanderslice, Lori Bufano, Diane Martucci Basam Nabulsi, Kathy Dhanda

ABSENT: Joshua Cole

OTHERS: Pete Gelderman of Berchem Moses, Atty. Tim Hollister representing Baywing LLC, Frank Smeriglio-DPW Director/Town Engineer

Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Application for Sewer Extension, Allocation of Sewer Capacity, and Approval to Connect a Multi-Family Development at 19 Cannon Road to Wilton's Sewer system

Ms. Vanderslice noted the Commission is in receipt of 2 public comments in writing and available on the website. Letter received from applicant. No other comment as applicant summed up at the January 12, 2023 meeting. Kathy Dhanda went on record stating that she viewed both the September and January 12, 2023 WPCA meeting videos in its entirety and was present for the November 3, 2022. Diane Martucci went on record stating that she viewed the November WPCA meeting video in its entirety. Ms. Vanderslice then began the review of the resolution (see attached) to be discussed at meeting. The resolution addresses the 3 application – application for sewer extension, allocation of sewer capacity and approval to connect a multi-family development to the sewer system at 19 Cannon Rd. After reviewed the findings and reason for denial listed in the resolution, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion, and second to adopt the resolution. Motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Ms. Bufano. After discussion with the board all members in favor of adopting the resolution and motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Atty. Tim Hollister vented his frustration on not being able to comment before the vote was taken.

Atty. Gelderman responded to atty. Hollister's comments.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion to adjourn made by Ms. Bufano, seconded by Mr. Nabulsi, and carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
(taken from video)

RESOLVED: The application by Baywing LLC, acting through its attorney Timothy Hollister, for a sewer extension, allocation of sewer capacity and approval to connect a multi-family development at 19 Cannon to the Wilton Sewer System is hereby DENIED for the following reasons and findings.

FINDINGS:

1. The Property at 19 Cannon Road is not currently served by town sewer.
2. The nearest sewer main to 19 Cannon Road is located on the westerly side of Route 7.
3. In order to extend the sewer to 19 Cannon Road, it will be necessary for the applicant to construct a private pump-station on 19 Cannon Road and then construct a 4 inch force main in Cannon Road for a distance of approximately 410 feet, to a new manhole in Cannon Road at which point the force main will convert to a gravity line and proceed across Route 7 a distance of approximately 140 feet to a new manhole on the westerly side of Route 7 to access the 8 inch sewer main.
4. In accordance with the letters from Frank Smeriglio, Public Works Director (October 31, 2022 and January 10, 2023) , and Wright-Pierce, consulting engineers (October 28, 2022 and January 6, 2023), which letters provide substantial evidence of the engineering and policy reasons of this decision, it is poor policy for the Town to be responsible for maintenance and operation of a private pump station.
5. It is preferable for the Town to own and maintain any sewer line within a Town road. Significant logistical problems involving maintenance and repair exist if a private owner/developer owns a force main in a town road.
6. It is not recommended that a pump station and a force main connected to that pump station be in separate ownership.
7. If the proposed development is connected to the Town sewer, it will bring capacity to 90%, which, because of storm events and other occurrences that bring flow into the sewer system, is considered full capacity.
8. If the proposed development is connected to the Town sewer, other development along the Route 7 corridor that would require access to the same sewer main would be precluded without significant improvements to the Route 7 sewer main.

REASONS FOR DENIAL

1. The Town should not own a private pump station servicing only one property.
2. The developer should not own the force main.
3. The force main and private pump station should be owned, operated, repaired and maintained by a single entity, therefore an extension of the sewer should not be approved until the pump station serves more than a single property and is under control of the Town.
4. The current project precludes any other development that would require access to the existing Route 7 main line as capacity will have been reached.
5. It would be inequitable and unfair to other property owners who may seek approvals to connect to the sewer (where no sewer extension is required) who have or may have a reasonable expectation of access to the sewer.

The WPCA adopts the above Findings and Reasons as its collective statement. The same findings and reasons apply to all components of the application.

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Nabulsi, seconded by Ms. Bufano, the referenced Application is hereby DENIED.

The vote was unanimous.