

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026, AT 6:30
P.M., ROOM 207/209, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE, CT 06410**

Present: John Perrotti, Chair; Melissa Norback, Vice Chair; Thomas Scannell, Justin Rosadini, Robert Behrer

Absent: Carol Doheny

Staff/Guests: Marek Kement, Town Engineer; David Milano, WWTP Superintendent; Dennis Dievert, Wright-Pierce

I. CALL TO ORDER

John Perrotti called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

III. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Minutes Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Chesprocott – Septic System Failure Report (March 2026)

John Perrotti asked about the meaning of the note “Full System PTD” on the report. Marek Kement responded that he would look into this and follow up. There were no further comments.

V. RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

- a. WPCA-2026-01: **Cornerstone Church** (Feasibility Approval)
Commercial – estimated 832 GPD

Bryan Panico, Project Engineer with Cole Civil + Survey, explained that Cornerstone Church is acquiring 1132 and 1124 Waterbury Road to expand their existing building and parking facilities.

Pastor Eric Bucci confirmed the current worship hall seats approximately 400 people and this will increase to 750 after the renovation. The estimated water usage calculation was discussed since the peak demand on Sundays is significantly higher than the rest of the week.

John Perrotti inquired about the café referenced in the application and emphasized the Town's ongoing FOG concerns. Pastor Eric Bucci explained that the church typically brings in prepared foods and does not rent the facility out for weddings. While their facility has warming ovens and a stove, the stove is not used for cooking due to a lack of fans. John Perrotti explained that installing a small grease trap would help address the FOG concern since the prepared food cleanup still introduces some level of FOG. Bryan Panico confirmed he will discuss adding a small grease trap to the wash sink with the architect.

Dennis Dievert noted the plan for an irrigation system and highlighted the potential for a subtraction meter on the property. Pastor Eric Bucci said there is access to a well, and it was suggested that it may be beneficial to use the well for irrigation.

MOTION by John Perrotti to approve:

*Application WPCA-2026-01 for Feasibility Approval for **Cornerstone Church** located at 1124, 1132, and 1146 Waterbury Road.*

Based upon review and recommendations of town staff, the WPCA has determined that the application and supporting documentation provided demonstrate general compliance with the Town of Cheshire Sewer Regulations.

This Approval is preliminary and does not constitute conclusive nor final approval. The right to connect to the sewer system can only be gained by applying for and obtaining approval of Final Design and Award of Capacity.

This Feasibility Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The application and submittals provided are incorporated and made part of this Approval.*
- 2. This Approval shall be valid for a period of three (3) years.*
- 3. Comments and conditions as outlined in a Memorandum to the WPCA from Wright-Pierce dated **April 10, 2026**.*

SECONDED by Thomas Scannell. All in favor, the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

- b. WPCA-2026-02: **Lakeside of Cheshire Expansion** (Feasibility Approval)
Multi-Family Development – estimated 6,105 GPD

Ryan McEvoy of SLR Consulting presented a map and explained that the developer has acquired three acres of land adjacent to their property that already has two 57-unit apartment buildings on it, known as Lakeside of Cheshire. The developer has plans to construct one more 57-unit building that will be connected to the same gravity-fed sewer as the existing two buildings.

Ryan McEvoy discussed the estimated water usage calculation and highlighted that all units will either be studio or one-bedroom apartments. Robert Behrer inquired about the estimated population per unit and Ryan McEvoy further explained details of the calculation.

John Perrotti asked about the accuracy of the water usage estimate compared to actual water usage data from the existing two buildings. Ryan McEvoy explained the actual water usage data needs to be further reviewed as current data appears low at under 2,000 GPD.

MOTION by Melissa Norback to approve:

Application WPCA-2026-02 for Feasibility Approval for Lakeside of Cheshire, LLC located at property known as 0 Hillside Avenue (Map No. 15, Lot No. 56).

Based upon review and recommendations of town staff, the WPCA has determined that the application and supporting documentation provided demonstrate general compliance with the Town of Cheshire Sewer Regulations.

This Approval is preliminary and does not constitute conclusive nor final approval. The right to connect to the sewer system can only be gained by applying for and obtaining approval of Final Design and Award of Capacity.

This Feasibility Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The application and submittals provided are incorporated and made part of this Approval.*
- 2. This Approval shall be valid for a period of three (3) years.*
- 3. Comments and conditions as outlined in a Memorandum to the WPCA from Wright-Pierce dated April 9, 2026.*

SECONDED by John Perrotti. All in favor, the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

VI. STAFF REPORTS – (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

a. Plant Superintendent's Report

The Plant Superintendent, David Milano, presented his report, which is attached in full.

A discussion was held regarding Synagro being down for several weeks in April. David Milano reported that Synagro is now running again; however, they are backlogged and have been unable to accept Cheshire's sludge for disposal. Further discussion addressed the potential need to get more covered dumpsters, odor concerns, and alternative disposal options.

Thomas Scannell followed up on the grease trap issue with Chipotle that was reported in March. David Milano confirmed that Chipotle hired a plumber to complete all necessary corrective

work, including clearing a 50-foot blockage, and provided the required reports to Chesprocott. Marek Kement confirmed he is working with David Milano to calculate a fine to be issued to the food establishment.

b. Town Engineer's Report

Marek Kement said the WPCA's presentation to the Town Council will occur on May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

c. Consulting Engineer's Report

Dennis Dievert shared that his colleague Lisa Muscanell-DePaola recently learned that Chris Falk with DEEP is out of the office for an indeterminate amount of time. He noted that this personnel issue may delay reimbursements, as this individual serves as Cheshire's DEEP liaison.

Dennis Dievert highlighted the upcoming Wastewater Forum & Exhibit being hosted by the CT Water Environment Association on May 7th at the Aqua Turf Club. He confirmed Lisa Muscanell-DePaola will attend, and David Milano confirmed he will also be in attendance.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. T&D Recycling, LLC - Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids (MOU)

Marek Kement explained that T&D Recycling, LLC prepared an MOU for the proposed pilot test, and he confirmed the document has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Tim Kostandini of T&D Recycling, LLC offered to aid the Town with disposing the sludge that Synagro has been unable to accept. Marek Kement expressed concern over accepting aid due to contractual obligations. John Perrotti agreed and expressed his gratitude for offering to help.

John Perrotti inquired about details on the pilot test plan, evaluation process, and timeline. Tim Kostandini explained that sludge treated with their solution, if successful, would enable the Town to dispose of sludge at facilities other than Synagro.

Dennis Dievert asked if DEEP has been informed that the Town intends to conduct the pilot test to ensure they stay in compliance. David Milano said he will contact DEEP.

MOTION by John Perrotti to accept the MOU for the Phase 1 Pass/Fail Test of the Chemical Additive RDX for the Treatment of Dewatered Biosolids, to be performed under the observation of both the WWTP Staff and Town Engineers, according to the MOU with an edit date of 4/1/2026.

SECONDED by Justin Rosadini. All in favor, the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

John Perrotti emphasized that the MOU will not be signed at this time, and the pilot test will not move forward until DEEP provides the Town with approval to conduct it. He asked Marek Kement to lead communications with DEEP alongside David Milano.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS / PROJECT UPDATES

a. I&I Study & Plant Capacity Evaluation (Wright-Pierce)

Marek Kement stated that the presentation on this topic for the Town Council would be planned out the following week.

b. HVAC Upgrades to Operations Building (Town) – **Project Complete**

Marek Kement reported that the project is complete, and the item will be removed from the meeting agenda.

c. HVAC Upgrades to Administration Building (Town)

Marek Kement reported that a contract has been signed with Sav-Mor Cooling and Heating, Inc., the company that recently completed the Operations Building HVAC work.

d. Elmwood Pump Station Upgrade (Town)

Marek Kement reported that the 90% drawings are being finalized.

e. Denitrification Filter Facility Upgrade (Wright-Pierce)

Dennis Dievert reported that a site visit had been recently been conducted. He also discussed plans to incorporate an ongoing hydraulic issue into the project scope. The design phase is still in progress.

f. Sewer Regulations (Wright-Pierce) – Workshop

The WPCA reviewed the proposed changes to the Capacity Fee Schedule prepared by Marek Kement. Marek Kement reported that he discussed I-C.S.D.D. zone fees with the Town Attorney, who confirmed that the Town can make changes to this zone's fees without issue.

Marek Kement noted that prior to scheduling a public hearing for the updated Sewer Regulations, the document must first be reviewed by all WPCA members, followed by the Town Attorney. John Perrotti asked Dennis Dievert to send a link to the final draft to all WPCA members, and he confirmed he would do so.

g. Sewer Use Billing – Language edits to reminder notice

Marek Kement explained that he prepared a draft of updated language for the Sewer Use Bills. He asked WPCA members to review the proposed updates ahead of the May meeting and noted the January 2027 deadline.

Melissa Norback asked how the WPCA is preparing for the Town Council presentation.

John Perrotti emphasized the importance of addressing the current state of the system, including aging infrastructure, potential upcoming failures, and the need for system improvements as these factors will affect rates.

Dennis Dievert said he will prepare the presentation over the next week and will provide it to WPCA members for review.

David Milano highlighted the upcoming Poo and Brew Event on May 15th. He noted that the Meriden and Cheshire WWTPs will be toured, with the event concluding at Counter Weight Brewing. He will send a calendar invitation to all WPCA members with details.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2026

There were no changes to the meeting minutes of the March 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.

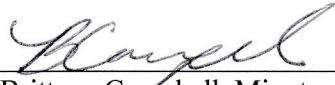
MOTION by Justin Rosadini to approve the meeting minutes of the March 26, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented.

SECONDED by John Perrotti. All in favor, the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by John Perrotti to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

SECONDED by Justin Rosadini. All in favor, the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Attest: 
Brittney Campbell, Minutes Clerk

April 22nd, 2026

WPCA meeting

Plant Superintendent Report

0 Violations to report

Avg flow 3.0MGD High 5.09MGD

TSS- 3mg/L BOD- 10mg/L

TP- 0.16mg/L

Seasonal load cap – 4.6lbs

April has been a busy month here at the plant with our normal operations along with all the capital projects.

On Easter Sunday 4/5/2026 the one of our final clarifiers experienced mechanical failure. We had to come in at 10pm and shut it down. We drained it, cleaned it, and have made repairs to the distribution arms. Currently were fabricating new scum collector arms. I decided to leave the tank offline for some well needed rest. I will put back online when and IF we need it.

Monday 4-20-26 we rented a mini excavator and dug up out chemical feed lines behind dewatering to attempt to repair the broken underground alum line. We successfully found the PVC break at the 90. We removed and replaced broken run. Let the glue cure overnight and put it back online today. We confirmed we now have alum back in contact chamber and removed the temporary above ground hose. This caused no interruption in Phos season.

UV project 99% completed. All new sensors, bulbs, modules, and program all installed. We will start up next Monday as Disinfection season starts May 1st.

BFP project is delayed, the roller coating company is backed up. We expect to have the BFP back up and running end of June.

Synagro was shut down for 10 days preventing us from removing solids in the system. Our primary blankets went from 2' to 7' in this time. We are back to pressing hopefully will catch up this week and next to bring our blankets down.

Very thrilled with how the Phos season has started through the first month. UV should be way more efficient due to full automation being restored.

All ops are great, and all staff is handling everything thrown our way!

Respectfully,

David Milano Plant Superintendent