

A **PUBLIC HEARING** was held by the City Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, to solicit citizen input regarding a proposal to extend the City of Torrington's sanitary sewer system and install sanitary sewers on Homestead Road and Kimball Lane.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Marie Soliani, Frank Rubino, Paul Cavagnero, and Fred Simon. Councilors Gregg Cogswell and Anne Ruwet were absent.

Also present were Water Pollution Control Administrator Ray Drew, Director of Personnel and Labor Relations Atty. Mark Dumas, Public Works Director Jerry Rollett, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Brett Simmons, Deputy Public Works Director and City Engineer Paul Kundzins, Superintendent of Streets Bill Mayers, Fleet Manager Emil Castro, Fire Chief Peter Towey, Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Torrington Water Company (TWC) Vice President of Operations Steve Cerruto, Five Points Center for the Visual Arts (FPCVA) Executive Director Judith McElhone, FPCVA's Atty. Mark Malaspina, State Representative Michelle Cook, and State Senator Kevin Witkos.

Mayor Carbone called the Public Hearing to order at 6:34 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jonathan Draper read the legal notice.

Public Comment

Ray Bottass expressed his opposition to extending and connecting the City's sanitary sewer system to Woodridge Lake Sewer District. Mayor Carbone informed Mr. Bottass that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to solicit citizen input regarding a proposal to extend the City's sanitary sewer system and install sanitary sewers on Homestead Road and Kimball Lane.

Mr. Cerruto stated that if the project moves forward, TWC would be interested in installing a water main on Homestead Road.

Tom Krupinski requested that the asphalt curbing on Pondside Lane be repaired after the work is completed.

Stephen Altschuler stated that the septic systems on Homestead Road are at the end of their lives and requested that the Council approve the proposal to extend the City's Sanitary Sewer System and install sanitary sewers on Homestead Road and Kimball Lane.

Robert Cusati expressed his concerns regarding the potential impact on assessment values for the properties on Homestead Road.

Joseph Ramirez expressed his support for connecting the City's sewer system and water to the homes on Homestead Road.

Gail Olsen expressed her concerns regarding the impact of having a sewer easement on her property value. Charles Olsen questioned whether the utility expressed interest in running a gas line through their property. Mr. Kundzins stated that the City had not yet heard back from the utility, Eversource. Mr. Cusati addressed Mrs. Olsen's concerns, stating that in his experience, easements do not tend to have a negative impact on property values.

Mr. Drew read aloud the written statements of Ms. Ruth Root and Ms. Dolores Marshall, two property owners who expressed their support for the installation of sewers on Homestead Road. He responded to the public's questions and concerns that were brought up during the public hearing and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Olsen for their cooperation in securing the sewer easement on their property.

Meeting Closed

Mayor Carbone declared the public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk*

ATTEST:


CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK