

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Acting in its capacity as
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 21, 2019

A meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order by Chairman Ludwick in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, October 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Commissioners Bosco, Cekala, Cressotti, Davis, Kiner, Ludwick, Muller, Sferrazza, Szewczak and Unghire. Commissioner Deni entered at 6:43 p.m. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Maria Elsdon; Director of Public Works, Donald Nunes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #4697 by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Cressotti to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2019 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4697** adopted 10-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business items.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION #4698 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Davis.

WHEREAS, Carlos Caetano franchisee of Dunkin Donuts, Inc., has an approved special use permit (PH 2940) to locate a restaurant called “Dunkin” at 90 Enfield Street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caetano has requested a waiver from the requirement for an “external” grease trap and will comply with the requirements of Town Code 86-136(b) by using an “interior” grease interceptor and;

WHEREAS, the office of the Director of Public Works has reviewed the requested waiver and found it in compliance, with conditions as follows:

1. Waiver is valid for only Dunkin at 90 Enfield Street and is non-transferrable.
2. Any change in use, menu, or ownership shall be submitted to the office of the Director of Public Works and the North Central Health District for compliance to this waiver.
3. Dunkin shall remain in full compliance with the requirements of the North Central Health District.
4. A current written agreement for the minimum cleaning and maintenance of the grease interceptor shall be maintained on file with the office of the Director of Public Woks and the North Central Health District.
5. Failure to remain in compliance with these conditions shall automatically cause the waiver to be rescinded.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Water Pollution Control authority does hereby approve a waiver for the above-referenced Dunkin for the use of the “interior” grease interceptor in lieu of an “exterior” grease trap, subject to the conditions listed above.

Present for this item were Director of Public Works, Donald Nunes and Jason Caetano, Franchisee of Dunkin Donuts.

Mr. Nunes stated this facility will not be baking or cooking anything, and they will only be cleaning utensils. He noted everything is basically brought to the premises, therefore, there will be no oils produced. He stated he approves going to an interior grease trap for this facility with Planning & Zoning’s approval.

Mr. Caetano stated they don’t do any baking in this location because all donuts are baked off site and will be delivered to this location, and all products are pre-cooked on disposal trays and liners that they do cook in their ovens.

Commissioner Bosco questioned where this Dunkin Donuts is located, and Mr. Caetano responded it’s located right off of Exit 49.

Chairman Ludwick questioned if this will be a full-service Dunkin Donuts, and Mr. Caetano stated this will be a drive-thru only.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #4698** adopted 10-0-0.

RESOLUTION #4699 by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Cressotti.

WHEREAS, the public pool located at the Enfield Annex, 124 North Maple Street, Enfield, Connecticut, will soon be undergoing a major reconstruction project to implement necessary upgrades requiring Connecticut Department of Public Health approval; and

WHEREAS, the pool will require a sewer connection for operations and maintenance including discharging pool water totaling approximately 166,000 gallons and discharged into the public sewer system; and

WHEREAS, this discharge requires the approval of an Application for Permit for the Discharge of Public Pool Water Drainage by the Enfield Water Pollution Control Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Water Pollution Control Authority does hereby approve the attached and referenced Application for Permit for the Discharge of Public Pool Water Drainage and authorizes the Town Manager and any other necessary public officials to sign any required documents evidencing this approval on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. Nunes stated they will be rehabilitating the Annex pool and mechanicals. He explained although this is a rehab, it's considered new by the Department of Public Health. He noted this is one step of the process where the Department of Public Health wants to notify the Authority that they will be dumping an initial 166,000 gallons of water into the system when they drain the pool to start doing the work, but it should also be known that occasionally when they backwash the pool they'll be discharging three or four thousands gallons every so often. He stated they cannot discharge into the drainage system due to the chlorine and other contents, therefore, it will go into the sewer.

He stated once they get this approval, they file for the full application from the Department of Public Health and submit plans, which are signed off. He noted they are ready to go, they already have the plans and specifications, and they should be setting dates tomorrow.

Commissioner Cressotti questioned when this will take place, and Mr. Nunes responded they're hoping for a four to six-week construction period. He noted this is an aggressive time schedule, and they want this pool up and running as soon as possible because they understand they're displacing high school teams and other programs.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #4699** adopted 10-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Bromson stated he received questions about Freshwater Pond and noted Mr. Nunes can provide information on this matter.

MOTION #4700 by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza to add an item to the agenda regarding Freshwater Pond.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4700** adopted 10-0-0.

DISCUSSION RE: FRESHWATER POND PROJECT

Mr. Nunes stated many calls were received concerning the project at Freshwater Pond. He noted there has been a controlled release of the water, and they kept aquatic life in perspective when they lowered the pond. He noted this was necessary to install a cofferdam. He stated a forebay exists between the footbridge over the brook and the pier. He noted there are gabion walls in this area, which consists of chain link fence and boxes filled with rocks, and this prevents sediment from going over into the main pond. He stated after several years, a lot of sediment collected in the forebay area. He noted 3,100 yards of material had to be removed. He explained the pipes that connect the forebay and the main pond were completely covered by two feet of sediment, therefore, they weren't even working as an equalization pipe because they were so packed with sediment. He stated WPC staff helped blow out the pipes with the jet, and they did this twice. He noted two 24-inch pipes were completely full for about 30 feet each. He stated they found chairs, couches, stoves and bikes in this area. He noted at this time the forebay is as clean as it should be according to the Army Corps standards, and they should be doing this every five years. He stated now that they finally did this work and are on a schedule, going forward it won't cost as much as it did now. He noted it's approximately a \$400,000 job right now because of the excavation of the sediment.

Mr. Bromson stated while this expense seems prohibitive, he gives Mr. Nunes credit because through his offices, the Town was able to get permission through the DEEP to bring the sediment to the transfer station, which saved over \$100,000 in hauling costs. He noted starting in this budget year, they will put aside money so that they don't have a \$400,000 to \$500,000 cost later on.

Mr. Bromson pointed out this amount of sediment kills off aquatic life, therefore, this work rejuvenates the pond, and the work was done in accordance with DEEP. He went on to note the expansion of the Town's camera system will deter people from depositing bulky waste into that waterway.

Commissioner Bosco stated his understanding this was an unavoidable cost to the Town. Mr. Bromson stated because this work was delayed as long as it was, the Town had to pay an \$80,000 penalty that the Army Corps of Engineers assessed against the Town, and they had the Town make this as a contribution to the Audubon Society.

Commissioner Cressotti stated it's nice to hear the Town is going to expand the video system. He questioned how many pounds of bulky waste were removed from the pond. Mr. Nunes stated he will have to get that figure.

Mr. Nunes stated they added some significant wildlife enhancements at the pond. He noted they brought in 16 trees per the Army Corps, and those trees were dropped in certain areas. He explained those trees provide habitat for frogs and turtles.

Commissioner Szewczak suggested perhaps the Source to Sea yearly cleanup could help clean the pond of debris every year.

Commissioner Muller questioned the last time this pond project was done, and Mr. Nunes stated his belief it was 2007.

Commissioner Muller stated his understanding they are supposed to do this project every five years from this point forward, and Mr. Nunes responded yes.

Chairman Ludwick questioned whether the Army Corps of Engineers recommends this be done every five years, and Mr. Nunes responded it's a recommendation from the Army Corps.

Chairman Ludwick questioned whether they weed whack the sides of the pond. He noted a lot of that material would float into the pond. Mr. Nunes stated there's been a recent shift in that practice. He noted a couple years ago the Army Corps did not want them to cut weeds. He explained the tall grass discourages geese from making aquatic landings.

MOTION #4701 by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Deni to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4701** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:50 p.m.