



CITY OF GROTON, CT
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday 6:30pm; May 17, 2022
 MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 295 Meridian Street
 Groton, CT 06340-4012

I. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISH QUORUM

Call to order 6:34PM

Present: Chair P. Kunkemoeller, A. Bumgardner, S. Bergeron, J. Streeter, I. Streeter, M. Carmenati, T. Rice, Alternate, Conrad Heede.

Staff: Leslie Creane. AICP, City Planner, Cierra Patrick. Economic Development Specialist.

II. APPROVAL OF: March 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Marie Carmenati

2nd: Terry Rice

Approved 6-0-1

III. RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:

Item 1: CAM Application #329

Pollution Abatement Facility

Groton Utilities

331 Thames Street

Sodium Hypochlorite System Upgrade

IV. REGULAR MEETING

Groton Utilities – Pollution Abatement Facility – CAM SUBMISSION

Action	Deadline or Date	Notes
Date of Receipt (DOR)	May 10, 2022	Date of 1 st regular meeting after filing
Hearing	No Public Hearing Required	Docketed for May 2022 regular meeting. Deadline for Decision is 35 days after commencement of the hearing: 6/14/2022.
Notice Required	Yes	Notice to adjacent municipalities is required
Extension Available¹	See Footnote 1 below	1 st 35-day extension – 07-19-2022 2 nd 35-day extension – 08-23-2022
Notice of Decision²	See Footnote 2 below	Within 35 days after close of hearing

Application is to replace two (2) 1500 gallon chemical storage tanks currently used to store chlorine, one that is leaking and the second that is showing signs of deterioration. The tanks are currently situated in the basement of the property.

Present was Doug Lafontaine from Groton Utilities and Denise Dievert from Wright Pierce Engineering who explained that the chlorine process is the last step to the treatment of wastewater at the Groton sewerage plant before being dispersed into the Thames River. The new tanks will be double walled tanks, will be situated outside the building and, will be 100 year flood elevation compliant.

¹ The applicant may consent to one or more extensions of time to commence a public hearing, complete any such hearing, and make the decision, provided the total period of all such extensions does not exceed 65 days.

² If City does not issue notice to applicant by certified mail and publish legal notice of decision within 15 days, applicant may publish legal notice within the following 10 days.

Commissioner J. Streeter asked:

- If the current leak was being contained.
- How soon the replacement of the tanks will occur.
- How will the current tanks be properly disposed of.

Mr. Dievert assured that currently the tanks were being siphoned to ensure the leak is not entering into the ground. He also replied that the new tanks have been ordered and are expected to arrive in two weeks. The project is scheduled to be operational by September 1, 2022. Mr. Dievert also assured that the current tanks would be cleaned, cut into smaller pieces and properly disposed of.

Commissioner S. Bergeron asked if any landscaping was planned since the sewerage plant abuts the Thames River Water taxi park which is used by the public.

Motion was made to make landscaping a condition of the motion.

Motion: M. Carmenati
2nd. A. Bumgardner

Motion made to approve CAM Application # 329

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Application approved 7-0-0

V. Public Hearing – none

VI. Old Business – none

VII. Report of Commission

Commission Chair Paul Kunkemoeller attended the Commissioners of Government seminar which provided more detail regarding the new state requirements for commissioner training. The new laws pertain to the required hours of training within each two year period and are for years beginning after January 21, 2023.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (WRITTEN ONLY) - None

IX. REPORT OF STAFF - None.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: J. Streeter 2nd. A. Bumgardner. Meeting adjourned: 7:02 PM

*** THE COMMISSION, AT ITS DISCRETION, MAY CHOOSE NOT TO CONSIDER NEW BUSINESS OR AGENDA ITEMS AFTER 9:30pm**