

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority  
PSTT (Post Sale Transition Team)  
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
Town Hall, 538 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Denton Butler, David Douyard, Mary Beth Greenwood, Michael LeClaire, Wes Marsh, Polly Pobuda, and Joe Toro.

**ABSENT:** None.

Mr. Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2022:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Toro, Mr. Marsh second, to approve the April 7, 2022 Minutes; unanimously approved.

**2. ASSET SALE UPDATE:**

Mr. Butler reminded the team that Aquarian Water Company (AWC) had submitted interrogatories to First Selectman Dan Jerram. He indicated that AWC had expected those to be returned by March 11<sup>th</sup>. As he understood it, those have not yet been submitted, according to Mr. Butler. He noted that he had been requested to proof the response but when he had received it, only fourteen of the thirty-two questions had been answered with three of those having been answered incorrectly. He learned that the expectation was that he would answer the remaining nine but reported that he had not done that.

Mr. Butler reported that AWC was completing the application for the New Hartford acquisition and that they had already done so for their acquisition of Torrington Water Company. Mr. Butler noted that he was unsure what remains to be done, explaining that he has had only one recent phone call with them.

**3. GENERAL REVIEW – IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

**A. Pine Meadow Project.**

Mr. Butler noted that there had been some thought that once the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were approved, there might have been design work advanced to get things started. He reported that this had been approved recently. Ms. Greenwood recalled the Board of Finance meeting differently, noting that this was not included in the first tranche of ARPA funds.

Mr. Butler shared his frustration with the seemingly lack of urgency with this \$8M project.

Mr. Butler reported that AWC, in order to protect their investment, intends to make sure that PURA specifies the entire sewerage of Pine Meadow.

Mr. Toro suggested inviting First Selectman Dan Jerram to the next meeting of this group. Mr. Butler confirmed that he would communicate that request.

**B. Ordinance Revisions.**

Mr. Butler reported that he had followed up with Mike Crawford of AWC who had already developed some preliminary rules and regulations of which would dovetail with the work of this

group. He noted the importance of that as a modification to the related ordinance will be considered.

Mr. Butler polled the group seeking comments. Ms. Greenwood concurred with the frustration with the speed of this process. Mr. Marsh shared his surprise that Mr. Butler was not initially contacted with the interrogatories, noting that there were in-depth questions wherein institutional knowledge was important. Mr. Douyard agreed with the sense of frustration of others in failing to understand what was holding things up. Mr. Leclaire agreed. Mr. Toro characterized the process as being frozen out, with a general lack of information coming to this board. Ms. Pouda shared her sense that there was a feeling of secrecy with information not being forthcoming.

Mr. Toro suggested that the PSTT meet on an alternate night than the WPCA so as to allow Mr. Jerram flexibility in his schedule.

Dates were considered with the general consensus being an additional meeting for either May 19<sup>th</sup> or May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Allocations/Subsidies.**

No business discussed.

**D. Sewer Rates & Regulations.**

No business discussed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Pouda, Mr. Leclaire second, to adjourn at 6:57PM; unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela A. Colombie  
Recording Clerk**