

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority  
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
Held Remotely Via Zoom**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

Mr. Butler called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Prior to moving on with the regular agenda, Mr. Butler reported that he had not heard word back from the Board's attorney, Matt Willis, regarding possible pending litigation.

**MOTION:** Mr. Toro, Mr. Douyard second, to remove Agenda Item #5, Executive Session; unanimously approved.

**1. APPROVE MINUTES:**

**A. May 7, 2020.**

**MOTION:** Mr. LeClaire, Ms. Pobuda second, to approve the May 7, 2020 Minutes; unanimously approved.

**2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW:**

The Board reviewed financials as prepared by Administrative Office Assistant Jill Healey. Mr. Butler reported the total Torrington Water Company bills as \$140K, noting that amount is almost the same amount that would be received at this time in any given quarter. He noted the balance of \$79K and an outstanding value of invoices in the amount of \$30K. Mr. Butler explained that the reason the WPCA is running high on that is because of the automatic deduction scheduled for July for debt service. He reminded the Board that as of early 2017, the Board of Selectmen had been allowing the deferral of debt service payments. Mr. Butler reported that the debt was not forgiven but it was instead only suspended. He reported that debt service payments had been made in the current fiscal year totaling \$157,559.

**3. OPERATIONS REPORTS SEWER & WATER (AWC/TWC):**

**A. Aquarian Water Company.**

Some of the Board members acknowledged having recently received the operations report from Aquarian Water Company via email while others had not yet received it. Mr. Butler summarized his impressions, opining Aquarian Water Company as having done a stellar job.

**B. Torrington Water Company.**

While the Board could access the operations report of Torrington Water Company from the Town's website, none had received it via email. Mr. Butler noted that \$26,692 was outstanding with half of that value attributable to final bills. He reported half of this sum is a result from people who have left the area and are not going to be able to be tracked. Mr. Butler noted that liens have been filed in this regard. He explained that they have not been filed for matters having to do with COVID-19 or lack of employment.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE TO COME BEFORE THE WPCA:**

Mr. Butler reported that he and Mr. Jerram had met with the Asset Evaluation Team at their request. He noted that Mike Crawford had been promoted and that they had the opportunity to meet his likely replacement, Adam Simonsen.

The group sizes, as allowed by the Governor through his Executive Orders during the pandemic, was discussed. Mr. Jerram noted that after June 20<sup>th</sup>, it may be possible to hold an informational meeting at Antolini School.

Mr. Toro questioned whether it might be appropriate for AET to get on the agendas of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Finance. Mr. Butler doubted that a referendum would be possible for the November presidential ballot. Mr. Jerram noted that the AET would first need a referral from the Board of Selectmen prior to going to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Butler reported receiving information regarding the budget from Ms. Greenwood the previous evening. He explained that it ought not to be discussed at this meeting as it would not comply with the executive orders surrounding remote meetings by which application documents are to be uploaded to the town's website at least 24 hours prior to a regular meeting.

The consensus of the Board was to take the item up for discussion at the July regular meeting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Greenwood, Mr. Douyard second, to adjourn at 7:40PM; unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pamela A. Colombie  
Recording Clerk**