

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority  
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
New Hartford Town Hall  
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

**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 7:03PM.

**1. APPROVE MINUTES:**

**A. October 16, 2019.**

The October 16, 2019 Minutes should include the following modification:

On the first page, in the third paragraph, the portion of text that reads, "...Ms. Greenwood noted that she recognized the need to sell but shared her reservations regarding not having all of the specific details of the transaction..." should instead read, "...Ms. Greenwood requested that the motion include language stating the WPCA will have a role in the process..."

**MOTION:** Ms. Pobuda, Ms. Greenwood second, to approve the October 16, 2019 Minutes as amended; unanimously approved.

**B. November 7, 2019.**

The November 7, 2019 Minutes should include the following modification:

On the first page, in the fifth paragraph, the portion of text that reads, "...quarterly payments for the wastewater treatment plant reverted to \$30,711.75 per quarter..." should instead read, "...quarterly payments for the wastewater treatment plant reverted to \$30,111.75 per quarter..."

**MOTION:** Mr. Douyard, Mr. LeClaire second, to approve the November 7, 2019 Minutes as amended.

**2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW:**

**A. Quarterly Billing and Debt Service.**

The Board reviewed reports previously emailed to them. Mr. Butler reported that two additional \$3250 payments were made on the WPCA's Town debt. He noted the current balance of \$61,750.

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

**A. Torrington Water Company.**

Mr. Butler indicated that while the Torrington Water Company monthly report was not forwarded prior to this meeting, the Board should expect to receive it the following week. He explained that a personnel change within the company may have disrupted the receipt of the report for December.

**B. Aquarian Water Company.**

Mr. Butler noted that the report from AWC outlined a number of issues with regard to the wastewater plant. He updated the Board regarding several additional equipment failures and needed repairs which occurred after the report had been generated. Among the issues were potential costs associated with jet motive pumps, blower motor failures, the generator and the

need for draining SBR 2 for pump repairs. Mr. Butler estimated the cost of the unplanned repairs to be between \$30K to \$40K.

Additionally, Mr. Butler reported that AWC personnel were called out on December 7, 2019 and December 8, 2019 to address the plugged force main at the Route 219 pump station. He noted that Russ' Septic pressurized the main and sand and gravel were removed. The source of the material could not be ascertained despite investigation and was still a cause for concern, according to Mr. Butler.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE WPCA:**

##### **A. USDA Status.**

Mr. Butler report receipt of an email from the USDA on December 5, 2019 formally approving the Town's request for forgiveness of repayment of the outstanding grant without penalty. The Town will repay the current outstanding sum of \$3.7M, which is the estimated balance of principal and interest due.

##### **B. AET Update - BOS/AET meeting.**

Mr. Butler explained how the Town's proposed sale of assets is breaking new ground legally and regulatory. He reported that the Board of Selectmen planned to request a meeting with State Senator Kevin Witkos and State Representative William Simanski to seek their assistance, should any legislation be required to facilitate the sale. Additionally, Mr. Butler noted the Board of Selectmen are meeting on January 13, 2020 with the AET members to discuss how to proceed moving forward with the necessary approvals, public presentations, etc. Mr. Butler requested a Special WPCA meeting for January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM to address open issues, questions and comments WPCA members may have as a result of the discussion between the AET and BOS.

##### **C. DEEP Meeting – Priority List.**

Mr. Butler updated the Board regarding his recent meeting with George Hicks of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Municipal Sewer Section regarding the Town's application for priority funding under the Federal Clean Water Act Program for the future expansion of the system into Pine Meadow. Mr. Butler noted that Mr. Hicks was supportive of the application and provided guidance on facilitating the application.

##### **D. Dunkin' Completion.**

Mr. Butler advised the Board that Dunkin' had satisfactorily completed construction and their final payment of \$2863.97 had been received.

##### **E. Parking Lot Expansion – Waring Building.**

Mr. Butler reported about a proposed expansion to the parking lot expansion at the former Waring Products building. He noted that this new parking would be directly adjacent to the existing sewer line. He indicated that he had alerted Zoning Enforcement Officer Mike Lucas as well as the applicant of this matter so that any construction activities authorized therein will be limited so as to ensure the line's integrity.

#### **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION - POSSIBLE LITIGATION:**

**MOTION:** Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Douyard second, to enter Executive Session for discussion regarding possible litigation; unanimously approved.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:10PM and exited Executive Session at 8:24PM. No action was undertaken by the board during this session.

**MOTION:** Mr. LeClaire, Ms. Pobuda second, to adjourn at 8:25PM; unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pamela A. Colombie  
Recording Clerk**