

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, CT**

PRESENT: Chairman Denton Butler, Mary Beth Greenwood, Polly Pobuda, Joe Toro, and Dan Jerram

ABSENT: Michael LeClaire, Wes Marsh, and David Douyard

Chairman Denton Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. APPROVAL MARCH 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The March 1, 2018 minutes should be amended as follows:

Regarding Current Budget Performance, Monthly Statement, first sentence should be corrected to read "Mr. Butler suggested that the current practice of liening only those properties that have an unpaid balance of more than \$600 that is more than ninety-one days past due should be changed."

Regarding Pine Meadow Well – Pump Installation, the word paraments should be changed to parameters.

Addition to end of meeting minutes – "No motions were made coming out of executive session."

MOTION: Ms. Greenwood, Mr. Toro second to approve the March 1, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended; unanimously approved.

2. DEEP MEETING – MODIFIED SSA MAP

Chairman Denton Butler and First Selectman Dan Jerram attended a meeting with DEEP representatives to discuss the status of New Hartford's Sewer Service Map which has been submitted to the state for approval. Other topics were discussed at their meeting.

Mr. Butler stated that it is too late for New Hartford to try to get back on the DEEP Priority List for funding this year. Such DEEP funds would be sought to assist the town in an expansion of the sewer system. The application for next year's priority list should be submitted prior to February 2019.

The Sewer Line Extension and Repair Evaluation Report prepared by CDM Smith was brought up at the DEEP meeting. Steve Merlo of the DEEP will be following up with Mr. Butler regarding questions about this report.

During discussion of the pending SSA Map, Mr. George Hicks of the DEEP presented a different map to Mr. Butler and Mr. Jerram. The map had been prepared by Maguire Group and approved by the State in 2008. Mr. Hicks stated that they will make this 2008 map the map of record if New Hartford accepts this. Mr. Butler and Mr. Jerram were not familiar with this map. Mr. Butler inquired as to why this map had never been acknowledged in any correspondence between New Hartford and the DEEP from 2012 to the present. Lack of any notification from the DEEP regarding this map has been a detriment to the town.

The pending SSA Map still does not have approval from the Office of Policy & Management. Mr. Hicks said that this is holding up the State's approval of New Hartford's pending map. Mr. Hicks made it very clear that the state departments are under staffed and we should not expect action on the pending map anytime soon.

At this point, Mr. Butler read a memo that he sent to Mr. Hicks after their meeting. The memo is on file in the WPCA office.

The 2008 map was then discussed by the WPCA members present. It was noted that the 2008 map is different from the pending SSA map. If this map were to be recognized by the WPCA, it would be seen as an interim step as we pursue the approval of the pending SSA map.

MOTION: Ms. Pobuda, Mr. Toro second, to accept the Sewer Service Area map prepared by the Maguire Group and approved by the State of Connecticut DEEP and OPM, dated 7/15/2008, unanimously approved.

The members present reluctantly accept this map and believe we should pursue the pending SSA map as more complete and fitting. The pending map was prepared utilizing the DEEP Guidance dated November 2008.

3. OPERATIONS REPORTS

Response to the Sanitary Survey Report noted only minor infractions.

Mr. Butler solicited and received correspondence from the manufacturer of the Gould Pump at Pine Meadow regarding the level of vibration. The level of vibration is within acceptable parameters.

The NPDES Permit is still pending. The permit application has been reviewed. The application must now be posted by the USEPA in its entirety to allow for public comment. The cost of this posting is being discussed.

The possibility of a new connection at the proposed Dunkin Donuts site was then discussed. Mr. Butler has had conversations with the owner and contractor regarding different options for connecting this new construction to the town's water and sewer systems. Because of the location of the main lines, any option would involve crossing Rt. 219 or Rt. 44.

The plans presented for this property have always included connecting to the water and sewer systems. Mr. Jerram stated that the property owner wants to be a good business partner with the town, but the project is becoming prohibitively expensive. The lack of a readily accessible sewer line is a major factor and he has to make some decisions because his lease in his current space expires at the end of the year. He has approached Mr. Jerram looking for assistance from the town.

Mr. Butler suggested that the WPCA could require all properties in the village business district to hook up to the water & sewer systems. This was discussed briefly.

Mr. Jerram proposed that the town could assist the new property owner by installing part of the new sewer line if they would connect to the sewer main on the other side of Rt. 44. The property owner would be responsible for running their line from their property to the opposite side of Rt. 44. They would also be required to build a manhole on their side of Rt. 44. The town would then install the line from Rt. 44 down to the main sewer line. The town would have to obtain an easement from the affected property owner. Mr. Jerram said this would help Dunkin Donuts to hook up to the sewer system and it would also help the town. It would help the town to have Dunkin Donuts move onto the property and the construction of the new manhole could be useful to the town in the future.

This proposal was discussed by the group.

- 4. Rules & Regulations Review**
- 5. P&Z Meeting – Update – Plan of Development**
- 6. Executive Session**

Mr. Butler suggested that items 4,5 &6 be held until the next WPCA meeting on April 5, 2018.

MOTION: Ms. Pobuda, Mr. Toro second to adjourn at 8:30pm, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Greenwood