

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 2, 2018 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, and Polly Pobuda.

ABSENT: Joe Toro.

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

1. APPROVAL JULY 5, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:

The July 5, 2018 Minutes should include the following amendments:

- Approval of the June 7, 2018 Minutes should reflect that Mr. Douyard and Mr. LeClaire had abstained from the vote; and
- The *AET Progress Report* should have included an indication that a December, 2018 referendum is likely.

MOTION: Mr. Douyard, Mr. Marsh second, to approve the July 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes as amended; unanimously approved.

2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Mr. Butler noted that Board members had received via email from Ms. Greenwood a draft copy of the final budget as approved during the July meeting.

The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements sent to them previously via email.

A. Update of Meeting with Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Butler reported that he had appeared at Tuesday's Board of Selectmen meeting and reminded them that the plight of the WPCA is unchanged. He briefed the selectmen that after again missing the debt payment due in May, the balance rose to \$79,147. He noted that with it being likely the August payment will also go unpaid, the balance will be at \$98,934 in payments not made.

Mr. Butler reported that he had also reminded selectmen that the original agreement called for the debt repayment plan to be revisited at the end of five years. He noted that First Selectman Dan Jerram deemed that it was not necessary to take immediate action and deferred discussion of the BOS to their next meeting.

Mr. Butler explained how his review of the aged payables was relayed to the BOS, noting that Torrington Water Company and Aquarian are often delayed in receiving payment for their services.

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that when this fiscal year is closed out, the costs not paid for by the WPCA do not represent all the costs incurred, such as the +\$39K Black Bridge well replacement nor the \$23K Pine Meadow well pump replacement. It also did not include the debt service payments to the Town, according to Ms. Greenwood.

MOTION: Mr. Douyard, Ms. Pobuda second, to amend the Agenda, to add an Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting for purposes of discussing a legal matter relative to a delinquent account; unanimously approved.

3. OPERATIONS REPORT:

A. Water.

The Board reviewed an operations report previously emailed to them from the Torrington Water Company. Several work orders were discussed and reviewed.

B. Sewer.

The Board reviewed an operations report previously emailed to them from Aquarian. Mr. Butler reviewed the question of whether or not the WPCA is in compliance with DEEP. He maintained that while the intensity of the UV is not at DEEP requirements, the discharge into the Farmington River is better than what is required and that if it weren't, only then should there be concern.

Ms. Greenwood questioned whether there had indeed been no truckloads of sludge removal during the past month. Mr. Butler confirmed noting the success achieved through the treatment utilizing the emulsifier.

Mr. Butler detailed and described an incident involving an oversized load having ripped off a manhole cover resulting in a broken flange. He shared photographs of the damage and repairs. Mr. Butler reported that Mr. Jerram had confirmed that the State would cover the costs for the repair.

Mr. Butler reported receipt of a request from the Pine Meadow Farms Association for a report relative to the development's hydrants. He noted that he explained in his response that the WPCA is only responsible for providing water to these private hydrants while the upkeep and maintenance costs are the responsibility of the association. He noted that Torrington Water Company had agreed to provide a proposal to the group for a review of their two hydrants.

4. AET PROGRESS REPORT & DISCUSSION:

Mr. Butler reported that declarative answers are being sought from the USDA and remarked that the issues in question are being actively worked in acknowledging and researching those answers.

He noted that a revision may be necessary to the timeline of the AET.

Mr. Butler reported that CDM Smith is preparing a response to the questions from DEEP relative to this Board's 2016 report regarding possible expansion of the sewer service to Cottage Street, Pine Meadow and remediation of the system. He noted that once this response is received in final form, copies will be forwarded to the Board.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Ms. Pobuda second, to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing litigation involving a delinquency issue; unanimously approved.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:48PM. They exited Executive Session at 8:02PM.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Douyard second, to adjourn at 8:07PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk