

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 7:00PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Chairman Denton Butler, Mary Beth Greenwood, Michael LeClaire, Wes Marsh, Polly Pobuda and Jim Surber.

ABSENT: Joe Toro.

**1. CONTINUING REVIEW – FINAL DRAFT REPORT – SEWER LINE EXTENSIONS
HEARING DISCUSSION:**

Pursuant to Mr. Butler's recommendation that the Board refrain from action on the final draft report of the sewer line extensions pending his review of the discussion and questions arising out of the public hearing, board members agreed and briefly reflected on the concerns shared by members of the public.

2. APPROVALS – JUNE 16, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Ms. Greenwood, Mr. Surber second, **to approve the June 16, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes; unanimously approved.**

3. MONTHLY REPORTS:

A. Water Planet – Sewer Operations.

Mr. Butler queried whether the Board had received the monthly report from The Water Planet. None had. Mr. Butler reported that he would see that they do receive a copy of what was noted as a one paragraph report.

B. Torrington Water Company – Water Operations.

Mr. Steven Cerruto, Vice President of the Torrington Water Company, appeared before the Board, providing an update to the recent flushing of Brook Street. He detailed how it was determined that there is likely a lengthy crack in a section of pipe. Mr. Cerruto also described the process used to determine the likely location of the crack. He noted that they believe the location of the crack to be on Route 219 in a four-inch main. It was noted that this crack is effecting the quality of water in the Brook Street area. Mr. Cerruto reported a very rough estimate of the costs for repair at \$8500-\$10K.

Mr. Cerruto also reported that the repairs on the fire hydrant on Bridge Street have been completed and costs for said repairs were \$1800 rather than the original anticipated sum of \$8K.

Mr. Cerruto reported that the ice pigging is scheduled for July 21, 2016. He explained that the original plan was to undertake this ice pigging on Brook Street. Mr. Cerruto proposed undertaking the ice pigging on Main Street instead.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Marsh second, **to authorize an expenditure up to \$12K to repair the line that goes to Brook Street from Route 219 and to authorize an increase in that expenditure if at the discretion of chairman acting, on site, deems it warranted; unanimously approved.**

C. Monthly Financials – Month/FY Ending 2016.

Mr. Butler noted that the Board has received a copy of the register through June 28, 2016. Ms. Greenwood distributed copies of the year-end financial report she had obtained, noting that it reflects a year-end negative balance of \$11,773. Ms. Greenwood also provided an update as of July 7, 2016 of account balance and outstanding invoices.

4. DISCUSSION ASSET SALE – UPDATE:

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that the Asset Evaluation Subcommittee will convene for an organizational meeting on July 12, 2016.

5. UPDATES FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Mike - Technical Specs – Sewer Lateral Installations.

Mr. LeClaire noted that Mr. Marsh had provided information on the technical specifications of the sewer laterals and that the changes he has made will likely be completed within the next two meetings.

B. Jim/Mary Beth – Grants & Loans.

No business was discussed.

C. Bud – WWTP & Collection System RFP Negotiations.

Mr. Butler reported that Monday's negotiating went very well. He noted that the Subcommittee will likely be able to make a recommendation at a Special Meeting of the WPCA on July 21, 2016.

Larry Hilt of 18 Steele Road addressed the Board regarding the water quality at his residence. He noted that he has resided at this location for approximately forty years and had never had a notable problem with water quality until last summer. Mr. Hilt explained that it was around that time that his laundry became what he characterized as a filter system for all of the residual sediment that has been coming through. He brought along a couple garments to demonstrate his point.

Natalie Sihpol of 16 Steele Road reminded the Board that she too has water issues and is pleased to hear that Torrington Water Company is undertaking repairs at Brook Street.

6. ALL OTHER REPORTS, MEETINGS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE WPCA:

Mr. Marsh reported that he has agreed to serve as the Board's representative to the Water Utility Coordinating Committee of Western Connecticut. He explained that there are three such committees in Connecticut and were formed under a mandate by public water supply statutes. He explained that these three committees are charged with assessing, reviewing and deciding what the water needs are and what water supply issues are statewide.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Ms. Pobuda second, **to adjourn at 8:00PM; unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk**