

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority  
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, August 3, 2017 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLIENT-ATTORNEY REVIEW – MATT WILLIS IN ATTENDANCE – PENDING LEGAL MATTERS RE ABUTTERS; SEPARATE MATTER - POTENTIAL LITIGATION:**

The Board entered into Executive Session, along with their legal counsel Matt Willis, to discuss pending legal matters regarding abutters as well as potential litigation at 7:01PM.

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:05PM.

**2. REVIEW WATER QUALITY, HYDRANT FLUSHING & FLOW TESTING - TWC - STEVE CERRUTO:**

Torrington Water Company Steve Cerutto appeared before the Board to discuss water quality.

Mr. Butler explained that following the water quality complaints received at the June 15, 2017 rate Public Hearing, he requested Torrington Water Company to undertake water sampling. He noted that they went to the address of one complainant but that person was not at home so therefore grabbed a sample from the address across the street. A sample was also done at 590 Main Street, two homes away from one of the complainants from the June 15, 2017 public hearing. Mr. Cerutto distributed copies of the Department of Public Health standards.

Mr. Cerutto noted no problems with discoloration and turbidity on Steele Road and Main Street. He noted that this is not to say that there are never problems but on a normal day, they are not seeing it. Mr. Cerutto explained that velocity can vary if for instance the Fire Department used a couple of hydrants. The possibility of water quality being related to the plumbing within homes was discussed. Ms. Greenwood questioned the reports of the smell of chlorine made at the hearing. Mr. Cerutto noted that there is not a lot of chlorine fed in New Hartford, with the only place it is used at Black Bridge.

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that there was a combined objective this year of conducting some flow testing at the same time of hydrant flushing. He reported that there was not a lot of success had with the flushing. Mr. Cerutto explained that traffic hampered the efforts of flow testing so it became an issue of public safety. The other problem encountered was property owners complaining, worrying about washouts. Mr. Cerutto suggested to New Hartford Fire Rescue Chief Mark Worsman that they could partner and try again with the aid of the Fire Department providing assistance with traffic. Mr. Worsman agreed, noting that nights would likely be better than days.

Mr. Butler then reviewed what is happening in terms of consumption. He noted that this quarter, with bills having just been issued on July 6, 2017, there were 93 customers using 15,000 or more and only 23 customers this quarter with zero usage. Mr. Butler explained that the zero use customers are primarily located on Prospect Street, Main Street and Cottage Street. He noted that the number of customers using 3,000 gallons was 41, or 9.1%, of the customer base. Mr. Butler noted that on a positive note, there were 359,000 more gallons of water sold last quarter than in the previous quarter.

### **3. REVIEW JUNE AND FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2017 FINANCIALS:**

Mr. Butler reported that for Fiscal Year ending June 20, 2016, revenues received were \$664,650.00.

He noted that he reported to the Board of Selectmen at their August 1, 2017 Special Meeting a fairly comprehensive overview of this Board's plight. Mr. Butler indicated that he implored First Selectman Dan Jerram to call a meeting of the Asset Evaluation Team. Mr. Butler noted that a request for availability on either August 22, 2017 or August 24, 2017 was received in this regard. Additionally, Mr. Butler noted that he reported to the Board of Selectmen that he does not foresee making the August debt repayment to the Town.

### **4. DISCUSS THE CALL OF A PUBLIC HEARING - SEWER RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGE:**

Mr. Butler reminded all that this Board will be scheduling a Public Hearing to discuss changes to Article 3, Section 4, relating to connections, of the WPCA's Regulations.

**MOTION:** Mr. Marsh, Mr. LeClaire second, to settle the dispute with The Water Planet whereupon the WPCA will pay them \$600 for settlement of their dispute with a release to be signed; unanimously approved.

### **5. STATUS REPORT - SEWER & WATER CONNECTIONS:**

In response to the communication regarding potential changes in connection charges included in the bills, Mr. Butler reported that he received inquiry from 571 Main Street regarding possibly connected. It was noted that the sewer line stops just short of this location and the property owner was advised of this. Additionally, an inquiry was received from the owner of 398 Main Street but that party was advised that there are no immediate plans for sewers in the Pine Meadow District to allow them to connect. Mr. Butler read aloud an email to the owner of the Mobil Station regarding the lack of communication or application to connect. He noted that this email was copied to the First Selectman's office and the Building Inspector.

### **6. REVIEW UPDATED "PLANNED" SEWER MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES:**

Mr. Butler reported on his meeting with Mike Crawford and Derek Albertson of Aquarion, reminding the Board his directive to them to avoid making expenditures without consultation. Among the items authorized as included in the planned maintenance as having the highest priority include the following: the thickening agent for the sludge that gets hauled away from the plant, repairing the calibrating equipment, control boards at Prospect Street, contained space safety training for the employees at Aquarion and the renting of equipment in order to clean the EQ tanks, the support of the control panel on Route 219, repair the odor control system at the plant, conduct a condition analysis of the Route 219 pumping station, and the purchase of the back-up jet motor pumps.

**7. ADOPTION OF WPCA MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2017 MEETING:**

**MOTION:** Ms. Greenwood, Ms. Pobuda second, to approve the June 15, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes; unanimously approved.

The June 15, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes should be amended as follows:

On the last line of the second page, the name "Doyard" should instead read "Douyard".

**MOTION:** Ms. Greenwood, Ms. Pobuda second, to approve the June 15, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes as amended; unanimously approved.

**8. ALL OTHER WPCA BUSINESS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND PUBLIC COMMENT TO COME BEFORE THE WPCA:**

**A. ESA Update.**

Mr. Marsh reported that on July 17, 2017, he contacted the engineer, Dave Murphy, of Milone & MacBroom, the firm handling the coordination of the Western WUC, to inquire whether the Town of New Hartford has provided a confirmation on the ESA. Mr. Marsh reported that Mr. Murphy indicated that New Hartford has not provided one yet. Additionally, Mr. Marsh reported he had questioned that same engineer whether a response had been provided yet to the River Alliance. Mr. Murphy had indicated that one had not as of that date as they were waiting for text from the Department of Public Health, according to Mr. Marsh. Mr. Butler reported that Mr. Jerram was going to confer with Attorney Mark Branse on this. Mr. Butler noted that he will check with Mr. Jerram to determine whether this has been done yet.

**B. Savol Purchases.**

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that Mr. Toro had indicated that the company he works for buys these same products and was going to check into getting a better price. This item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

**C. RV Septage Receiving.**

The possibility of receiving RV septage was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Butler explained that New Hartford is not currently set up to do that. Mr. LeClaire noted that Simsbury is set up for this and offers it to their residents but only receives ten to fifteen of these per year.

**D. NPDES Permitting.**

Mr. Butler reported that the plant has received tentative acceptance regarding NPDES permitting.

**MOTION:** Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Marsh second, **to adjourn at 9:47PM; unanimously approved.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pamela A. Colombie  
Recording Clerk**