

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

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

ABSENT: David Douyard.

Chairman Denton Butler called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

1. APPROVAL FEBRUARY 1, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

The February 1, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes should be amended as follows:

The Minutes ought to include a mention of the discussion that occurred regarding the Frontier phone bills and the points of service that are unclear.

The February 1, 2018 Minutes should also be amended to correct that the emergency appropriation of up to \$7600 for one of two pumps at the wetwell was for the location of the intersection of Route(s) 219 and 44, and not at the Pine Meadow well.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Toro second, to approve the February 1, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as amended; unanimously approved.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Toro second, to amend the emergency appropriation of the wetwell at the intersection of Route(s) 219 and 44, not to exceed \$7900; unanimously approved.

2. CURRENT BUDGET PERFORMANCE

A. Monthly Statement.

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. He noted some of the challenges imposed by these limitations, including the sale of the property that may fall just outside of those parameters.

MOTION: Mr. Marsh, Mr. Toro second, to modify the existing thresholds with respect to filing liens on properties wherein an outstanding bill is over the sum of \$350 and overdue by more than sixty (60) days; unanimously approved.

Mr. Butler reported that Assistant Bookkeeper Jill Healey is monitoring the electricity charges being incurred by the WPCA, explaining that often when well pumps are failing they draw substantially more electricity.

B. Meeting with Board of Selectmen Update.

Mr. Butler updated the Board on his report to the Selectmen relative to the suspension of the third consecutive debt service payment.

3. OPERATIONS REPORTS:

A. Water & Sewer.

Mr. Butler provided an update on the progress with receiving the NPDS permit from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. He read aloud a recent email he submitted to George Hicks. Mr. Butler reported receiving a reply from Steve Rouleau from DEEP. The exchanges with DEEP were described and discussed. He noted that a meeting has been scheduled for March 6, 2018 between Mr. Hicks, First Selectman Dan Jerram, and himself.

B. Pine Meadow Well – Pump Installation.

Mr. Butler explained that the pump at Pine Meadow well has been vibrating and that this issue has been worked out and it now meets within acceptable parameters when measured against industry standards.

C. Sanitary Survey Report.

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that they had been provided with a field sanitary survey report from the Department of Public Health. He noted that only minor deficiencies were noted such as whether a containment bin for caustics is on site or similarly that the caustic soda lacking a certification number on it. Mr. Butler indicated that one was on site but was not observed by the inspectors.

D. Dam Inspection Notice.

Mr. Butler reported that the dam inspection notice that was received was forwarded on to Mr. Jerram.

4. ASSET EVALUATION TEAM UPDATE:

Mr. Butler distributed a document reflecting the charge of the Asset Evaluation Team as well as the objectives of the AET. He noted that all three companies that have submitted RFPs continued to be interviewed and considered. It was noted that the review would not likely conclude prior to the May referendum.

The agenda was modified to move *5. MDC Dispute Intervention Through ICA* as the last item.

5. RULES AND REGULATION REVIEW – CONTINUATION:

A. Subdivision Regulation.

Mr. Marsh requested that the Board again review Section 8, concerning Subdivision Regulations and Section 6 which also has points relative to subdivisions. It was agreed that the Board will again consider these at their next meeting.

B. Developer Agreement.

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that a proposed Developer Agreement, based on one from the Town of Winchester, had been emailed to them previously.

6. ALL OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE WPCA:

A. DEEP Meeting

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that he and Mr. Jerram will be meeting with DEEP on March 6, 2018.

Pequabuck River Watershed Association President Mary Rydingsward requested copies of documents pertaining to the RFP for the sale of the assets. Mr. Butler noted that the RFP is for public inspection but that there are not other documents available at this time for public review until such time that the AET makes a decision. Subsequent to a decision, all the documents will be available for public, according to Mr. Butler.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Toro second, to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing potential litigation; unanimously approved.

7. MDC DISPUTE INTERVENTION THROUGH ICA:

The Board entered into executive session at 8:28PM. The Board came out of executive session at 8:58PM.

Mr. Butler provided an update on a water leak in a lateral on Wickett Street that had recently occurred.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Ms. Greenwood second, to adjourn at 9:37PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk