

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 6, 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, Polly Pobuda and Joe Toro.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman Denton Butler called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

1. APPROVAL AUGUST 2, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:

The August 2, 2018 Minutes should include the following amendments:

The header on the minutes, listed as July 5, 2018 should reflect that these were indeed the August 2, 2018 Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Douyard second, to approve the August 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes as amended; Motion passed with Mr. Butler, Mr. Douyard, Ms. Greenwood, Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Marsh, and Ms. Pobuda voting aye while Mr. Toro abstained.

2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW:

The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements sent to them previously via email. Mr. Butler noted that the WPCA is current with their obligations but for the debt service payments.

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. The number of *Call Before You Dig* requests was noted as being greater than typical. Recurring problems with FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) were also discussed. Mr. Butler noted that the property owners in the area at the headend of the Prospect Street wetwell will be receiving a strongly worded letter in this regard.

Mr. Butler reviewed that there are actually sixteen water shutoffs identified on Main Street after the milling project as opposed to the seven previously known about. The Torrington Water Company were authorized to install risers on all the shutoffs, according to Mr. Butler. A possible sewer line crossing Route 44 was discussed.

Mr. Butler distributed information relative to trends observed in sludge removal from the wastewater treatment plant both before and after Aquarian assuming operations. The frequency of removal has significantly decreased since they took over the plant.

4. AET PROGRESS REPORT & DISCUSSION:

Mr. Butler reported that the Asset Evaluation Team (AET) continues to talk with the USDA for instructions and clarifications regarding the disposition of loans and grants. The AET has also agreed to seek free technical assistance offered by United States Rural Water and Wastewater

Association through their representative Diane Johnson. Mr. Butler reported that a meeting is scheduled with First Selectman Dan Jerram and himself with Ms. Johnson on September 13, 2018.

Mr. Butler noted that there is no intended use for the proceeds from a possible sale of the assets but to return them back into the system. Ms. Greenwood questioned why the proceeds would be returned to the system after a sale. Mr. Butler explained it would be done because the Town would be a partner with the new owner in a public-private partnership relative to the sewers. He explained the challenge with privatizing the sewer, noting that it has only been done one other time. Mr. Butler noted the partnership would be limited to the sewers and would not include the Town as a partner with the water. The Town's role would be advisory relative to the water, according to Mr. Butler.

5. OTHER UPDATES & BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE WPCA:

The August 3, 2018 response from CDM Smith to Supervising Sanitary Engineer George Hicks of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection regarding the *Town of New Hartford WPCA July 2016 Sewer Line Extension and Repair Evaluation Report DEEP Comments* was noted as having been previously emailed to the Board. The letter was discussed.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Douyard second, to adjourn at 7:52PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk**