

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

ABSENT: Polly Pobuda.

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

MOTION: Mr. Marsh, Mr. Toro second, to modify the agenda to take up Operations Reports – Sewer & Water ahead of the Approval of Minutes; unanimously approved.

1. MINUTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING:

The November 8, 2018 Minutes should be amended as follows:

- Under *Operations Report*, the Minutes should reflect that the WPCA maintains three pumps. The WPCA has four. One serves as the back-up.
- The portion of text in the fourth paragraph of the third page that reads, "...for a positive referral pursuant to CGS§8-24 for a fifteen-foot wide easement from 495 Main Street..." ought to read, "...for a positive referral pursuant to CGS§8-24 for a fifteen-foot wide easement from 495 Main Street to cross Route 219 to 507 Main..."

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Toro second, to approve the November 8, 2018 Minutes as amended; Motion passed with Mr. Butler, Ms. Greenwood, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Toro voting aye while Mr. Doyard abstaining.

2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW:

A. Discussion – Possible Debt Payment.

The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements sent to them previously via email. Mr. Butler noted that while the account balance as of this meeting was \$64,649.78, the amount of the outstanding invoices as of this date was \$31,591.68.

Mr. Butler reminded the Board about the appropriation approved last month of an amount not to exceed \$16K for a new SBR pump and the repair and rehabilitation of the three blower units. The Board discussed payments toward the modified Town loans, noting that the WPCA is six payments behind. Dropping the account balance reserve to below \$4K was a concern.

MOTION: Ms. Greenwood, Mr. Marsh second, to make the three suspended payments on the modified town loans that were due August 1, 2017, November 1, 2017 and February 1, 2018; unanimously approved.

3. OPERATIONS REPORTS:

A. Sewer.

The Board reviewed an operations report previously emailed to them from Aquarian.

B. Water.

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

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that Mr. LeClaire had inquired about whether the Town's water was tested for PSFs. He distributed a handout regarding that. Mr. Butler explained that Torrington Water Company does not currently test for these as there is no requirement to do so.

4. AET PROGRESS REPORT:

Mr. Butler reminded the Board how a response is being sought from the USDA as to whether an accelerated depreciation on the grant is possible, noting that the sum is likely less than \$1,000 six years from now. He noted how heavily this disposition weighs into any possible solution with a successful bidder on the sale of the water/ waste water assets as a means to address rate stabilization.

Mr. Butler reported that an acknowledgement has been received, noting that the request has been forwarded to Washington, DC. Mr. Butler explained that the characterization of the request was inaccurate in that it referenced the request as one to "sell the assets to a developer". He noted that it had been clarified to the State that it was a request to sell the assets to a regulated utility company under the jurisdiction of PURA.

Mr. Butler explained that the AET had met Monday, December 3, 2018 with the intention to advance the schedule but agreed not to host the information series until a decision from USDA has been received.

5. OTHER UPDATES TO COME BEFORE THE WPCA:

A. FOI Hearing Concerning SSA & AET.

A new date for this hearing has been postponed again from a previously-scheduled date of November 30, 2018, to a date yet to be scheduled. He noted that the complainant met with First Selectman Dan Jerram and his Executive Assistant Christine Hayward and had likely received the information previously sought.

B. Easement Initiative – 495/507 Main.

Mr. Butler reported having questioned the engineer for the project at 507 Main Street regarding what information he had relative to an easement at 495 Main Street. Mr. Butler questioned whether the engineer had inspected the pipe and whether it was an 8" pipe. The engineer had not, according to Mr. Butler. He indicated that he had discussed with the engineer the rationale behind the requirement of this Board for a thirty (30') foot easement for the sewer rather than one that is only fifteen (15') feet.

C. New Water Service Installation.

Mr. Butler reported a new water service at 70A High Street, a guest house previously served by a well at the rear of the property.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION - POSSIBLE LITIGATION - CUSTOMER NON-PAYMENT:

No executive session occurred.

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Doyard second, to adjourn at 7:57PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk