

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 7, 2019 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 7:00PM.

1. MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2019 and FEBRUARY 7, 2019:

MOTION: Mr. Douyard, Mr. Toro second, to approve the January 3, 2019 Minutes; unanimously approved.

The February 7, 2019 Minutes should include the following amendments:

In the second paragraph on the first page, the portion of text that reads, “...*Attorney Furey indicated that the proposal includes connecting the property across Town Hill Road to the existing pipe. He noted that his client is agreeable to retaining Berkshire Engineering to verify the integrity of the existing pipe...*” should instead read, “...*Attorney Furey indicated that the proposal includes connecting the property across Town Hill Road to the existing pipe. He noted that his client is agreeable to retaining Berkshire Engineering to verify the integrity of the existing pipe and that the applicant will do whatever is required in order to facilitate the connection to the sewer system...*”; and

In the seventh paragraph on the second page, the portion of text that reads, “...*Mr. Toro questioned who was covering the costs for the physical inspection of the pipe. Mr. Naples indicated that his company was...*” should instead read, “...*Mr. Toro questioned who was covering the costs for the physical inspection of the pipe and all sitework, excavation across Route 219 and all excavation. Mr. Naples indicated that his company was covering all of that...*”

MOTION: Mr. Toro, Ms. Pobuda second, to approve the February 7, 2019 Minutes as amended; Motion passed with Mr. Butler, Ms. Greenwood, Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Marsh, Ms. Pobuda and Mr. Toro voting aye while Mr. Douyard abstained.

2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Mr. Butler distributed a copy of the aged payables, the detail of what was paid with the account register and income statement for the period ending February 28, 2019. Ms. Greenwood questioned when Aquarian bills the WPCA. Mr. Butler explained that Aquarian and the Torrington Water Company has a split pay period. Payments are due within forty-five days for both of those bills, according to Mr. Butler.

B. Discussion - Town Debt Payments.

Mr. Butler reminded the Board of his request for approval, and that subsequent approval granted through a motion in January, for authority to pay a third debt service payments back to the Town as it becomes apparent that it can be achieved through the availability of discretionary funds.

Mr. Butler requested another similar resolution by this Board granting him the same discretion, noting that another debt payment is due in June and an even larger one due in July.

Mr. Butler noted that the August, 2017, November, 2017 and February, 2018 payments of \$3,250 each were made. Ms. Greenwood distributed a revenue comparison report. Mr. Butler noted that revenue is running behind from the previous three years of revenues. He noted that the only reason day to day operations obligations are being met is likely due to not making those Town debt service payments. It was noted that the Board is behind four payments to the Town for the debt service payments.

Mr. Butler shared a video of a recent water main break at the intersection of Route 219 and Meadow Street. He noted that a boulder shifting underneath the water line as a result of a frost heave cause a complete break in the line late in the afternoon on February 26, 2019.

MOTION: Mr. Toro, Mr. Marsh second, to attempt to make three additional payments spaced out on an available funds basis at the discretion of the Chairman as he reviews the payables that are due; unanimously approved.

3. OPERATIONS REPORTS – SEWER & WATER:

The Board reviewed operations reports previously emailed to them from the Torrington Water Company and one from Aquarian.

A. Incident Review - BLT.

Mr. Butler distributed a five-page incident report with respect to a sewer back-up into Bridgestreet Libations and Temptations (BLT) on December 21, 2018. He noted that it had been compiled together from an interview with Aquarian Operators Bill Embelton and Mike Crawford and the subsequent dye test performed.

It was noted that despite the technician from Russ' Septic Service referring to a "boulder", that term is commonly used when discussing grease balls, too. The consensus of the WPCA was that they will not be responsible for the backup that occurred at the manhole adjacent to the business. Mr. Butler noted that the dye test revealed two potential entities that are responsible for the backup and that they should be encouraged to use their best efforts that they ensure that their grease traps are working effectively at all times. Mr. LeClaire disagreed, noting that the main line was plugged somehow and the WPCA is responsible for the main line.

Mr. Butler agreed to provide both establishments with a copy of the incident report.

B. Dunkin - Progress Report.

Mr. Butler reported that the lateral had been inspected by Berkshire Video and the pipe appeared to be in very good shape with no cracks, no intrusions, nor evidence of roots at all. He noted that Dunkin will be installing a manhole as suggested by this group along with two additional knock-outs in case they are ever needed. Mr. Butler noted that the video, site plan and elevation drawings have been forwarded to CDM Smith and that a meeting had been scheduled for the following afternoon with them. He reported that he had relayed to the contractor Mark Cannavo that an approval is expected from the WPCA's engineer.

C. Water Main Break - Meadow St. & Rt. 219.

The water main break at Meadow Street and Route 219 was discussed under Monthly Financial Review.

Mr. Butler shared information on an incident that occurred on Route 44 as the State of Connecticut was clearing snow. He explained that a sidewalk had been cleared with a ten-yard truck with a wing plow, a manhole to a sewer line not currently in use was hit. Mr. Butler reported that the State is bearing the cost for the repairs.

4. AET PROGRESS REPORT:

Mr. Butler reported that a representative from the USDA Rural Development has requested a meeting as they are seeking additional information. Mr. Butler noted that several dates have been offered for this purpose.

5. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE WPCA:

Mr. Butler reported that First Selectman Dan Jerram has received a letter from the MDC about the raw water interconnection. He reminded the WPCA that it was this group who first informed the MDC that they were no longer going to pay for a service as there is no basis for physical connection as they had removed the valve.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LITIGATION:

MOTION: Mr. LeClaire, Mr. Toro second, to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation; unanimously approved.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:14PM and exited at 8:40PM.

MOTION: Mr. Douyard, Ms. Pobuda second, to adjourn at 8:41PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk**