

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Chairman Denton Butler, Roy Litchfield, Joe Toro, Mary Beth Greenwood, Michael LeClaire.

ABSENT: Kenneth Krohner.

Chairman Denton Butler called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. All regular members present were seated for the meeting. The proceedings were recorded digitally and copies are available at Town Hall.

MOTION: Mr. Joe Toro, Ms. Mary Beth Greenwood second, **to move Agenda Item #2 TWC Exception Reporting to the first agenda item; unanimously approved.**

1. TWC EXCEPTION REPORTING:

A. Church Street North Overrun

Mr. Butler reminded the board that an allocation of up to \$5,000 had initially been approved for the repair of the fire hydrant at Church Street North because it was inoperable. However, Mr. Butler explained that Mr. Steve Cerruto, Vice President of Torrington Water Company, had returned to him, noting that this hydrant was connected to a four (4") inch main and that a six (6") inch main also runs parallel across the street, which would vastly improve the fire fighting capability of that hydrant if it could be connected to the larger one. Mr. Butler explained that as chairman, he authorized the added cost that then brought the cost of the project up to \$7,200. Mr. Cerruto explained that the construction process was higher than expected because of lines discovered only after digging began. He reported the end cost for replacing this hydrant as \$12,500.

B. Blow-off Valve – Steele Road

Mr. Cerruto noted that a call this week regarding discolored water from Brook Street resulted in a flushing of the hydrant there. He noted the persistent problem that exists at Steele Road, and that a blow-off as high up as possible on this line is one of the only ways to address this problem. Mr. Cerruto explained that what this involves is digging down to tap the main, and installation of a piping system so that the line can be flushed from above ground through a valve.

MOTION: Mr. Mike LeClaire, Mr. Toro second, **to install a blow-off valve on Steele Road, with a cost not to exceed \$4,500; unanimously approved.**

C. Common Water Connection – Issue @ 433-455 Main

Mr. Butler explained that 433 Main Street, which is the location of the present Mobil Station which will soon be undergoing a rebuild, which will involve relocating their water service. He noted that presently 433's water service is from a common lateral that serves both this location as well as 455 Main Street, the site of the insurance business. Mr. Butler noted that he had communicated with the owner of 455, explaining that he was communicating the need for 455 to plan for a new connection. Mr. Butler detailed the communications that occurred between the owner of 455 and himself. Mr. Cerruto reviewed the rules and regulations of the Torrington Water Company as it would relate to this issue, noting that these call for "...each premise shall have its own service and the service will not run in intervening properties..." It was agreed that exceptions to the rules and regulations would not be a good practice to adopt. Mr. Butler noted he would have a brief consultation with legal counsel, too.

2. APPROVAL – AUGUST 20, 2015 MINUTES:

MOTION: Mr. Roy Litchfield, Mr. Toro second, **to approve the August 20, 2015 Minutes; unanimously approved.**

3. NON-COMPLIANT STATUS REPORT – UPDATE:

Mr. Butler reported an additional payment of \$3,057.63, bringing the number of non-compliant users down to four from the original seven. Mr. Butler reported that one of these properties has continually claimed that they are not connected. To that end, Mr. Butler reported that Mr. Toro, Mr. LeClaire and he would be conducting a dye test at this location the following evening. Mr. Butler noted that the remaining three will have liens levied on September 4, 2015, noting that communications began on July 20, 2015 allowing adequate time to work out a payment plan.

4. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

A. Sewer – Water Planet Submittal

Mr. Butler noted that he has not received a report from The Water Planet and believes it to be an oversight and will likely receive one soon.

B. Water – TWC Submittal

Mr. Butler acknowledged receipt of a report from Torrington Water Company and noted that a copy of said report is always available for public inspection at Town Hall.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE AUTHORITY:

Consensus was to begin the meeting on September 17, 2015 at 6:00PM and that a meeting on October 1, 2015 would commence at 5:00PM. Mr. Butler reported that he will be completing “memos of record for activities” for 283 Main Street and 377 Main Street. He noted that 283 Main Street, the former Waring Building, infringed on the easement of the WPCA in cutting down the maple trees without approval and reminded the commission of the Call-Before-You-Dig request they received as the owners intended to dig out or grind the remaining stumps. He noted that he has conferred with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and shared the concerns of the WPCA as they relate to any work performed along this easement. Mr. Butler reminded the commission that with regards to 377 Main Street, an alliance is under consideration between two or three property owners for pump up systems for each property.

MOTION: Ms. Greenwood, Mr. LeClaire second, **to adjourn at 7:51PM; unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Pam Colombie
Recording Clerk**