

**New Hartford Water Pollution Control Authority
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:00PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Chairman Denton Butler, David Douyard (6:05PM), Mary Beth Greenwood, Wes Marsh, Polly Pobuda and Joe Toro.

ABSENT: Michael LeClaire.

Chairman Denton Butler called to order the Special Meeting of the WPCA at 6:00PM. Agenda Item #4 Emergency Appropriation – Water was moved to the first business item discussed.

1. EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION – WATER:

Mr. Butler reported that Torrington Water Company relayed that their water recording output meter is broken and cannot be fixed.

MOTION: Ms. Greenwood, Mr. Marsh second, to approve an appropriation not to exceed \$4K for a new finish water recorder; Motion passed with Mr. Butler, Ms. Greenwood, Mr. Marsh, Ms. Pobuda and Mr. Toro voting aye.

2. DISCUSSION WATER SUPPLY PLAN:

With First Selectman Dan Jerram present for this portion of the meeting, Ms. Greenwood shared opinions regarding the overdue update on the Town's water supply plan. She opined that now that the entire town has been declared as their ESA, the Town ought to share, or even carry all of the entire projected cost of the update at an estimate of \$30K-\$35K. Mr. Marsh opined this to be reasonable. Mr. Toro and Ms. Pobuda agreed.

Mr. Jerram posited that he won't exclude anything and is open to hearing suggestions.

Mr. Butler reported that he had sent an email to Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Public Health Section Chief Lori Mathieu this date noting the continued financial plight and requesting an update be undertaken by a group of capable volunteers in an effort to conserve cash. Mr. Butler noted that the team of individuals willing to work on this update include Mike Desani, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Douyard, and himself.

MOTION: Mr. Butler, Ms. Pobuda second, to recess at 6:34PM; Motion approved with Mr. Butler, Ms. Greenwood, Mr. Marsh, Ms. Pobuda and Mr. Toro voting aye.

The WPCA reconvened at 6:43PM.

3. DISCUSSION WUCC AND Q&A:

No business discussed. It was noted that this item would be taken up at the Board's next meeting.

4. ESA PROVISIONING:

No business discussed. It was noted that this item would be taken up at the Board's next meeting.

5. RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW – CONTINUING:

The Board reviewed a working draft of Rules and Regulations, commencing with Section IV- Construction and Assessment of Benefits of Property Owners through Section XI Sewer Connections Requirements.

It was noted that the added option of payment by ratepayers through use of credit cards is continuing to be worked on. Mr. Butler confirmed that the Rules and Regulations are not approved under an ordinance. However, as part of the adoption process, a public hearing, with advanced notice, will be scheduled. Both printed copies will be available as well as the ability to review through the town's website before a vote to adopt occurs. Consensus of the board was to try to get this completed before the end of this summer.

The items discussed and contemplated include the following:

- adopting some type of variable cost assessment;
- the language in the second line of Article 6.7, "...based on the front foot and/or unit values...", needing further review;
- the language to use regarding debt service in *Section VII – Sewer Assessment Sinking Fund and Sewer Operating Fund*;
- changes to *Article 8.5 Connection Charges*;
- discussion over "outlet charge" contained in Article 9.1.F;
- what is intended through *Article 11-4 - Separate Sewers Required; Exception*; and
- notifications and resolution time table to be added.

MOTION: Mr. Toro, Mr. Marsh second, **to adjourn at 8:00PM; unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk