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## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2012

**Attendees:** Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson and Gary Leavitt. Also present: David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Peter Durieko Collection System Foreman; Peter Williams and Paul Gilbert, Town of Ellington WPCA

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Ignatowicz asked to add three agenda items: 10a. Roof Repair at Wastewater Treatment Plant, 10b. Authorization for Refund to Sewer User Account #1714 and 10c. Rent to Own Pump Proposal for Waste Treatment Plant. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Weaver moved to add the three items and the motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### MINUTES OF WPCA PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2012

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the August 9, 2012 WPCA Public Hearing as presented. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Leavitt abstaining.

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL WPCA MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2012

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the August 9, 2012 WPCA Special meeting as presented. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Leavitt abstaining.

### ELLINGTON REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FLOW

Mr. Williams asked the Authority to consider increasing the Town of Ellington's plant allocation by 400,000 gallons per day (gpd), increasing Ellington's current percentage from 14.9% to 20%. This increase would allow Country Pure Foods an additional 75,000 gpd, and would allow the company to expand its operations, he said. A discussion took place relative to the current inter-town agreement and possible modifications to the agreement to accommodate Ellington's request for increased flow. Mr. Weaver expressed concern about limiting Vernon's growth potential as well as flow capacity if the additional flow is allocated to Ellington. Mr. Weaver and Mr. Leavitt requested a chronological history as well as a copy of the inter-town agreement. Mr. Leavitt suggested that a special informational session take place to discuss the inter-town agreement. It was the consensus of the Authority, Mr. Williams and Mr. Ignatowicz that a facilities study of the treatment plant is necessary. Mr. Williams said that it is possible the Town of Ellington may help with the study. In the interim, the Authority asked Mr. Ignatowicz and Mr. Williams to provide a recommendation to satisfy Pure Country Foods' request for additional flow.

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**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT**

**Mr. Ignatowicz reported that the plant is running well and it is producing a good effluent. He said that a bearing failed on one of the influent screw pumps last week and DEEP was notified. It will take about eight to ten weeks with an approximate cost of \$22,000 to have the bearing refurbished. In order to check for any damage to the lower bearings, the pump will have to be lifted by cranes, the rental of which will cost about \$5-\$6K. A technician will need to be hired once the pump is ready to be re-installed Mr. Ignatowicz said. It was the consensus of the Authority that Mr. Ignatowicz send a letter to the towns of South Windsor, Ellington, Tolland and Manchester regarding the upgrade of the treatment facility rather than have representatives attend next month's meeting.**

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE WPCA BILLING BACK-UP COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND DEVELOP SOFTWARE PROGRAM**

**No action was taken on this item pending a request by the Authority that Mr. Rostkowski inform the Town's Information Technology (IT) Department regarding the back-up computer equipment, procedures for installing it, and IT's analysis/response to this request.**

**VERNON FOG REGULATION IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL**

**The Authority asked for additional proposals for the development of a proposed regulation for Fats, Oils and Grease which would include forms for registration, permit application and inspections. No action was taken on this item.**

**AMERBELLE TEXTILES CLOSING – FINAL BILLING**

**Mr. Ignatowicz referenced a memo dated September 20, 2012 he wrote to the WPCA. Mr. Ignatowicz said that in the interest of getting the account closed and collecting user fees prior to the building being totally vacated, Amerbelle requested the WPCA waive the penalty interest for the July 2012 bill and they agreed to pay the October 2012 and January 2013 bills in advance. Amerbelle issued a check for \$51,193.77 and a check for \$15,409.22, he said. Both checks have cleared the bank Mr. Rostkowski said. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority waives the delinquent interest for the July 15, 2012 sewer user bill on Account #1788 in the amount of \$1,535.81. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).**

**OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND KENNETH A. KAPLAN REGARDING PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 161 WEST MAIN STREET, VERNON**

**Mr. Rostkowski provided background on this item. The Authority requested clarification regarding the payment of lien amounts and verification of the settlement document with regards to the WPCA. No action was taken on this item.**

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

**Roof Repair at Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Mr. Ignatowicz explained that an additional \$850 was needed to replace the roof on the loading dock area at the treatment plant. He said the loading dock is part of the treatment plant that was built in 1958 and it might have had the original roof. Of the \$850, \$400 was used to remove and replace the roof's concrete topping and the balance of \$450 was used for the addition of a rain gutter and downspout. While the contractor was on-site, they found a couple of tears in the Process Control Center Building's roof and repaired them at a cost of \$300. The original negotiated cost for the roof repair was \$4,999 and with the**

additional repairs, the total is \$6,149. Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves an additional expenditure of \$1,150 for changes to the original scope of work, as requested by the WPCA Director, and that the original proposal of Sherwood Roofing & Renovating Co. LLC in the amount of \$4,999.00 for roof replacement and repairs at the wastewater treatment plan, be amended to a total of \$6,149.00. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Authorization for Refund to Sewer User Account #1714

Mr. Rostkowski explained that the former owner of Account #1714 (33 Discovery Road), Mr. James Arnold, accidentally made an electronic payment in April 2012 to the account in the amount of \$213. Mr. Arnold sold the property in 2005 and has requested a refund, Mr. Rostkowski said. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Town of Vernon Sewer Department refund \$213.00 to James Arnold for accidental payment for property on 33 Discovery Road in Vernon. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Rent to Own Pump Proposal for Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Ignatowicz referenced a proposal from BakerCorp relative to a rental/rent-to-own standby pump set. Such a pump set is needed while one of the three influent screw pumps is being repaired, he said, and can also be used for off-site by-passes for sewer blockages and at two of the pump stations. Another benefit is that the pump can be used at the treatment plant when work is being done on the chlorine contact chamber. The BakerCorp proposal states that the rent-to-own option for a new pump would be \$73,632; rent-to-own option for a used pump is \$54,372 and to rent a pump without purchase for six months is \$42,714. Mr. Weaver expressed concern about the condition of a used pump and said that there is no question that this type of pump is valuable to a wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Anderson said he liked the idea of the rent-to-own option and asked how much has been spent in rental costs over the past several years. Mr. Durieko estimated that rental cost have been about \$20,000. It was the consensus of the Authority that the used pump be inspected before purchase and Mr. Durieko said that he would inspect the pump. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, motioned that the Water Pollution Control Authority move to authorize the rent to own lease purchase agreement for a used Bakerprime BP88LS-GJ115AT Critically Silenced Diesel Driven Pumpset, Automatic Self-Priming up to 28', 8x8" QD Ends, John Deere 4045T Turbocharged Water Cooled Diesel Engine, 115 HP, contingent upon the inspection by Peter Durieko by BakerCorp 102 Old Worcester Road, Oxford, MA 01540, for the total amount of \$54,732.00 to be paid in six monthly installments of \$9,122.00. Mr. Weaver asked if \$550 is to be spent for delivery charges and if so, it should be added to the cost and would like to amend the motion to read, "plus freight charges of \$550." The amendment was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Leavitt. The amended motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost, Secretary, Water Pollution Control