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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY AUGUST 9, 2012

*Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, Elizabeth Yang and John Anderson. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Peter Williams, Ellington WPCA Administrator; Barry and Janet Beckwith, 23 Overbrook Drive; Leilani DeMaio, 40-B Morrison Street and Lois O'Callaghan Park West Apartments*

### CALL TO ORDER

*Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.*

### ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER USER RATES

*Chairman Weaver recognized the public comments from earlier public hearing and noted that the sewer user rates have remained the same for the past three years although costs have increased. He said that the user rates cannot be offset by interest charges as in prior years and the proposed increase is also due to compensate for the loss in revenue from a major industry in town. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Miss Yang, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority adopts a schedule of sewer user charges as heard at a Public Hearing held on August 9, 2012 for the last three months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 and for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 and payable on October 15, 2012, January 15, 2013, April 15, 2013 and July 15, 2013. Mr. Weaver commented that in the future the Authority will look to address some of the perceived inequities related to the sewer user rate billing and will continue to try and solve those issues. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).*

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR WPCA MEETING HELD ON JUNE 28, 2012

*Miss Yang, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the regular Water Pollution Control Authority meeting held on June 28, 2012 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).*

### REQUEST TO CONSIDER THE CONNECTION OF 49 LAWRENCE STREET TO THE VERNON SANITARY SEWER

*Mr. Ignatowicz said that Mr. Mark Campbell is ill and cannot attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that Mr. Campbell would like to get an engineering report from Marshall Gaston of Fuss & O'Neill Engineering regarding the feasibility of connecting 49 Lawrence Street to the sewer. A discussion took place relative to the specifics of constructing the sewer, manhole placement, right-of-way location and homeowner responsibilities. Mr. Weaver said that the Authority should request a legal opinion and details need to be worked out, but he is not opposed to conceptual consent for Mr. Campbell to proceed with obtaining an engineering report; Mr. Anderson agreed. It was the consensus of the Authority that Mr. Campbell may go*

forward and consented to a conceptual idea regarding the sewer connection of 49 Lawrence Street.

**REQUEST TO CONSIDER THE CONNECTION OF 704 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD  
(OLENDER'S BODY SHOP) TO THE SANITARY SEWER**

Mr. Ignatowicz referenced a letter from Eric Peterson of Gardner & Peterson Associates requesting that the connection to the Vernon sewer system be allowed as a back-up to the existing sub-surface system as it relates to the expansion of the body shop. The owners are concerned that the existing septic system may become inadequate to accept additional flow from the new 8,400 square foot addition and is seeking Authority approval to connect to the Town's sewer system if necessary. Mr. Weaver asked about what is currently discharged into the septic and Mr. Anderson said that he is comfortable with the connection as long as it does not supersede the DEP General Permit protocol. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Miss Yang made a motion that in the event of a failure of the existing subsurface disposal system, the Water Pollution Control Authority allows for the connection to an existing sanitary sewer system pending all permit approvals for Olender's Body Shop of 704 Talcottville Road. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT**

Mr. Ignatowicz reported that the plant is running well and nitrogen has been at its lowest levels all year partially due to the reduction of flow. A polymer feed pump, which adds a flocculant to the secondary process had to be replaced. Over-the-Road waste has increased in part due to Simonize's return as a vendor which will discharge approximately 4,000 gallons per month. He reported that the rental generator will be returned by the end of the month and the plant received a good report from Electrical Contractors, Inc. upon surveying the substations and transformers at the treatment facility. Mr. Ignatowicz said that on a scale of 10, the turbidity of the chlorine contact chamber is 0.5, and explained that the higher the number, the less clear the water.

**ADJOURN**

Miss Yang, seconded by Mr. Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, Water Pollution Control