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TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
October 24, 2013

APPROVED

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry and Burt Wheeler. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Gary Leavitt, FOG Program Coordinator; Robert Grasis, Appointee, WPCA Assistant Director; John Lanzoni, Siemens Energy; Michael Curtis, Simplified Energy Solutions; and Peter Williams, Town of Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

On page 3, paragraph two, line 5 - Mr. Weaver said that he did not recall seconding the motion to approve the replacement of two pumps at the Phoenix Street pumping station. Mr. Wheeler said that he seconded that motion.

Mr. Ignatowicz said that on page 1, the first two sentences under the Administrative Report should read as follows: "As of July 1st, the Sewer Connection Account has approximately \$1,720,352 Mr. Rostkowski reported. Of that total, \$610,002 from Tolland and \$279,524 from Vernon, is restricted to the Rockville trunk sewer. There is \$830,826 that is undesignated in the account."

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the September 26, 2013 WPCA Regular Meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

REQUEST THE WPCA APPROVE MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT GRASIS AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE WATER POLLUTION DEPARTMENT (MR. GRASIS' RESUME IS INCLUDED FOR WPCA REVIEW)

Mr. Ignatowicz introduced Mr. Grasis and welcomed him to the meeting. Mr. Ignatowicz said that Mr. Grasis was chosen after an extensive search and provided information on Mr. Grasis' work and volunteer experience. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that Mayor Apel recommended to the Town Council at its October 13, 2013 meeting that Mr. Grasis be appointed to the Assistant Director position subject to approval by the Water Pollution Control Authority. The Town Council unanimously approved Mr. Grasis' appointment at that meeting. Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Grasis to the position of Assistant Director of the Water Pollution Control Department. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

**PRESENTATION BY JOHN LANZONI, SIEMENS ENERGY ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE AND
MICHAEL CURTIS, P.E. SIMPLIFIED ENERGY SOLUTIONS, RELATIVE TO PERFORMANCE
CONTRACTING OPTIONS FOR THE VERNON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

Mr. Ignatowicz introduced Mr. Lanzoni and Mr. Curtis. Mr. Lanzoni provided background information relative to the history of performance contracting and the relationship to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. He explained the performance contracting process and said that cost savings could be realized through facility and infrastructure improvements. A discussion took place regarding the bidding process and performance contracting relative to upgrades to the treatment facility. Mr. Weaver suggested verifying that the performance contracting process is allowed under the Town's charter and to further discuss this at the next meeting.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Ignatowicz reported that: the chlorine season, which was a success, ended in September; a new gate has been ordered for the chlorine contact chamber; maintenance and inspection will begin next week on the carbon regeneration unit; exterior painting will begin in the Spring; the Town Council approved a bid waiver for the Phoenix Street pump station bypass; the contract for the two Phoenix Street pumps has gone out to bid and background checks are being performed on two candidates who applied for the Operator positions.

REVIEW OF MODIFICATIONS TO TOWN OF VERNON SEWER REGULATION NUMBER ONE

Mr. Leavitt presented changes to Regulation one and specifically noted the revisions to Section 4(g) and Section 7. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the amendments, once vetted by the town attorney, need to be published and a public hearing date needs to be set. Mr. Anderson asked about the annual cost of the FOG program because it is an unfunded mandate. A discussion took place relative to fees and violations. Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion to hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on December 12, 2013 for the purposes of hearing public comments regarding amendments to "Regulation One Pertaining to the Use of Public Sewers, and the Discharge of Waters and Wastes into Public Sewers in the Town of Vernon". A discussion took place regarding the notification of food preparation establishments. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rostkowski referenced correspondence from Attorney Adam J. Cohen of Pullman & Comley regarding an auction for unpaid sewer charges at 19 Grove Street (Sewer User Account #2437) dated September 27, 2013. Attorney Cohen stated that last year the Town of Vernon considered doing a tax sale but did not pursue the account because the Town was fairly confident that the property was environmentally contaminated. Attorney Cohen stated that the cleanup liability would exceed the land's market value. The unpaid sewer user fees are approximately \$8,271 Mr. Rostkowski said. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes the WPCA Business Manager to place Sewer User Account #2437 into a suspense account as recommended by the Vernon Town Attorney. If the property is purchased, the account can be removed from suspense Mr. Rostkowski said. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0). Mr. Rostkowski reported that the full principle and lien fees have been paid for Sewer User Account #5251. The interest for the account is waived in accordance with an Agreement Regarding Assignment of Tax and Sewer Liens, 161 and 200 West Main Street, Vernon, Connecticut dated October 12, 2012.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion that the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the 2014 Meeting Schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control