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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY JULY 25, 2013

*Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Gary Leavitt and Burt Wheeler. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; George Rostkowski, Business Manager and Peter Williams, Ellington WPCA*

### CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Ignatowicz asked for the addition of two agenda items under Any Additional Items as follows: 7(a) DEEP Phosphorus Funding Program and 7(b) Sewer blockage on Hansen Drive. Mr. Leavitt submitted his resignation to Chairman Weaver effective July 26, 2013. Chairman Weaver thanked Mr. Leavitt for his participation and said that he appreciated all of the expertise Mr. Leavitt provided to Authority. Chairman Weaver introduced Mr. Burt Wheeler and welcomed him to the Authority. Chairman Weaver thanked him for joining the Authority as well.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

*None.*

### ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER USER RATES

*Mr. Rostkowski presented Sewer User Rate projections for FY 2013-14 through FY 2018-19, a breakdown of revenue sources for FY 2012-2013, and a Rate Increase Impact Summary. He said that he expects a rate increase for FY 14-15. Mr. Anderson asked if any increase is anticipated in over the road septage and Mr. Ignatowicz said no. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority adopts a schedule of sewer user charges as heard at a Public Hearing held on July 25, 2013 for the last three months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 and for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and payable on October 15, 2013, January 15, 2014, April 15, 2014 and July 15, 2014. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).*

### MINUTES OF REGULAR WPCA MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2013

*Mr. Leavitt, 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 27, 2013 as presented. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Wheeler abstaining.*

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT**

**Mr. Ignatowicz said that the plant is running well and flows are up significantly from last year at this time. He said that the State of Connecticut conducted an inspection of the plant this week and he expects a favorable report. It was noted during the inspection that a secondary clarifier is out of service and Mr. Ignatowicz said that this item is being addressed. Mr. Ignatowicz provided the Authority with an update regarding the Bolton Lakes Sewer project.**

**PART-TIME SUMMER LABORER**

**Mr. Ignatowicz referenced a July 16, 2013 memorandum to the Water Pollution Control Authority regarding the hiring of a part-time summer laborer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that two operator positions are vacant and a third operator will be leaving next month. By re-hiring Victor Stringer as the part-time summer laborer, it would take some relief off the existing staff. Mr. Ignatowicz said that this is acceptable with Administration and given the current vacancies, funds are available. Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves a transfer of \$2,508 in Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget 41345700, from Object Code 51010 Regular Wages to Object Code 51030 Part-Time Wages for funding the position of a summer laborer. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).**

**ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**Mr. Ignatowicz spoke to a letter from the CT DEEP regarding a funding program for the removal of phosphorus at wastewater treatment facilities. He explained that he would like to get a consensus from the Authority to send a non binding letter to the DEEP so that the Town will be placed on the list for possible grant funding. The Authority agreed with Mr. Ignatowicz's recommendation. A discussion took place regarding bonding and upgrades to the treatment facility. Mr. Ignatowicz addressed the informational item regarding the Connecticut DEEP Municipal Facilities Section regarding Public Act 13-15 "An Act Concerning Sea Level Rise and the Funding of Projects by the Clean Water Fund".**

**Mr. Ignatowicz provided background information on a sewer line blockage and subsequent backup at 59 Hansen Drive that occurred last month. He explained that roots had grown into an adjacent sewer lateral stub and then into the main sewer line creating a blockage. Since that area has not been identified as a problem area, the Town's insurance company has denied the claim for the repair of the line and cleanup of the property. The cost, without cleanup fees, is estimated at \$27,000 and if paid from the Authority's Sewer Connection Account, it would have to be presented to the**

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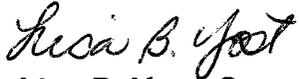
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*Town Council for approval. It was the consensus of the Authority to go forward with payment from the Sewer Connection Account if necessary.*

**ADJOURN**

*Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa B. Yost".

*Lisa B. Yost, Secretary, Water Pollution Control*