



# TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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## Regular Meeting Minutes WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY October 22, 2015

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; John Ward, Town Administrator; Dj Lupacchino, Collection System Foreman; Tim Webb, Town of Ellington Water Pollution Control; Al Pedemonti, New England Management Corporation; Scott Bartlett, Cutter Enterprises; Andrew Coleman, Owner Skip's/Wastewater Services; Sam Hopkins, 205-#169 Vernon Avenue and Eric Tednar, Journal Inquirer

### 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 24, 2015

Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the September 24, 2015 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TOLLAND AND SKIP'S/WASTEWATER SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford moved to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of discussing Tolland and Skip's/Wastewater Services and to invite WPC Director Robert Grasis, Assistant Director Steve Boske, Town Administrator John Ward and Collection System Foreman Dj Lupacchino to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and no action was taken on this item.

### SHOW CAUSE HEARING

Chairman Weaver said that all parties are not ready to proceed with the hearing therefore it will be postponed to the next regular meeting on December 10, 2015. Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion to postpone the Show Cause hearing until the next regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

### TALCOTT MILL CONNECTION – 47 MAIN STREET

Mr. Grasis said that he met with Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Pedemonti and Economic Development Coordinator Shaun Gately on October 5<sup>th</sup> relative to the sewer connection for this property. Mr. Bartlett provided the authority with plans for the development of the site and a sewer video inspection report. Chairman Weaver asked if the [sewer] lines are in good condition and Mr. Lupacchino said that he would like to view the updated video of the lateral before commenting. Chairman Weaver asked if the Talcottville Pump Station would accommodate the additional flow and Mr. Lupacchino said it would. Mr. Pedemonti requested that the connection fee be deferred until the property is connected to the sewer, in approximately six months, and because CHFA financing requires a building permit at the real estate closing. Mr. Grasis explained that building permits were being issued

without notifying the sewer department for any kind of approval. The WPCA has now asked the building department to make it a requirement to have the connections and fees paid before the building permit is issued he explained. A discussion took place whether or not to delay the collection of the connection fee. Mr. Zahner expressed concern about setting a precedent; he feels it is dangerous. Chairman Weaver said that he thinks it is a special situation due to the financing; Mr. Tedford agreed. Chairman Weaver asked Mr. Ward for comment. Mr. Ward said that he shares all of Mr. Zahner's concerns and agrees with his philosophy regarding setting a precedent. Ultimately this is a unique situation he said, and if the WPCA acknowledges that, it would not lose its authority for the next situation. Normally, a connection fee would not have to be paid now anyway; it was just to obtain the financing from CHFA, Mr. Ward said. He said that he feels the Authority can go ahead and grant this request; it is appropriate to consider, as any town regulatory agency, to assist businesses in town while still maintaining health, safety and statutory codes. In acknowledgement of the concerns of Mr. Zahner, Mr. Ward said that he thinks the Authority can go ahead and grant this and still maintain a fairly strict policy going forward. Mr. Lupacchino suggested to the Authority that Cutter Enterprises do the final cleaning, and the Water Pollution Control Department do the final video of the sewer lateral. Mr. Tedford, seconded by Chairman Weaver, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority agrees to issue a sewer connection permit for 47 Main Street, Talcott Mill Landlord LLC and delay the collection of the connection fees to be due at the time of the final connection and inspection. To this end, this recommended motion is because of the special circumstances and unique structure for financing that is available to them and that the WPCA continue to analyze any other unique situations. Mr. Zahner said that he does not like the term permit in the motion; he is not comfortable with it; they should be allowed to connect to the sewer but not issue them a permit. Chairman Weaver said that he understands Mr. Zahner's concerns. Mr. Grasis explained that the existing sewer lateral has to be capped during the site renovation and the connection fees will have to be collected in order for the property to be reconnected to the sewer. The motion passed 2-1-0 with Mr. Zahner objecting.

#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well and that he is looking into re-lining the bisulfate tanks for the winter and Mr. Grasis said that the cost would be about \$12,000. Regarding current projects, Mr. Grasis said that a video inspection was done on South Street in anticipation of next year's road rehabilitation project. Also, the grant application for the purchase of the camera truck was submitted to Administration; two screw pump oiler motors have been rebuilt, one will be kept as a spare and all three screw pumps are now working; Brookview pump station beautification work is complete; Sav-Mor was awarded the condensing boiler bid for \$48,900; and UCONN engineering students are working on a senior project to design phosphorus removal for the plant.

#### DISCUSSION OF DRAFT NPDES PERMIT

Mr. Grasis reported that he, Mr. Boske, Mr. Ward, Attorney Purnhagen and consultant Gary Johnson attended a pre-hearing at the DEEP on October 7<sup>th</sup> to present concerns regarding the four year compliance schedule and phosphorus limits. Mr. Grasis said that the DEEP agreed to possibly extend the compliance schedule to five years and there was no movement on amending the 0.22/average monthly limit for phosphorus removal.

#### EMERGENCY DART HILL PUMPSTATION GENERATOR REPAIR

Mr. Grasis said that he does not have a final amount for the repair and Mr. Lupacchino said that there were problems with the injectors that were manufactured by Cummins. Chairman Weaver said that some type of reimbursement should be made for the cost of the rental generator that will be needed longer than expected. Mr. Grasis said that he will speak to both vendors when the project is complete.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAB MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION

Mr. Grasis informed the Authority that the job description is not ready and he is still working with Administration on this item.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

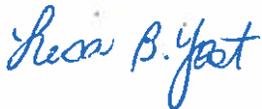
Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to accept the sewer user charges for the last three months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 and payable on October 15, 2015, January 15, 2016, April 15, 2016 and July 15, 2016 with no changes as published in the Journal Inquirer on October 8, 2015. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Mr. Grasis spoke to Informational items: Legal Notice for Contract #1078-11/13/15 and proposed changes to Regulation One regarding Fats, Oils and Grease. Chairman Weaver asked that the proposed regulation changes be sent to Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Landry.

ADJOURN

Chairman Weaver told Mr. Zahner that he understands his concerns and thanked him for his input relative to the Talcott Mill project. Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, WPC