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CONTROL AUTHORITY

# TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Special Meeting Minutes  
Water Pollution Control Authority  
July 16, 2015

**ATTENDEES:** E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Director; John Ward, Town Administrator and Attorney Vincent Purnhagen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE TOWN OF TOLLAND AND SKIP'S/WASTEWATER SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion that pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 1-200(6)(B), the Water Pollution Control Authority moves to go into Executive Session regarding The Town of Tolland Water Pollution Control Authority and to invite WPC Director Robert Grasis, Assistant Director Steve Boske, Attorney Vincent Purnhagen, Attorney Cindy Karlson and Town Administrator John Ward to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). No action was taken on this item.

SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

Attorney Purnhagen said that the Town of Tolland has requested a continuance of the hearing via its Town Attorney. Mr. Grasis said that the continuance of the hearing has been requested in a letter from Tolland Town Attorney Richard S. Conti, until the August 27, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting of the Vernon WPCA. It was the consensus of the Authority to have the letter requesting the continuance be a part of the record for the meeting. Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion to accept the request for continuance from the Town of Tolland on the terms as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, WPC

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July 15, 2015

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Mr. Robert Grasis, Director  
Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority

c/o Atty. Cindy J. Karlson  
41 Blue Heron Drive  
East Hampton, CT 06424

Re: Vernon WPCA  
Tolland WPCA  
Skip's

Dear Mr. Grasis:

As you know, I am the Town Attorney for Tolland, including representing the Town's Water Pollution Control Authority. Since you are represented by counsel, this letter is being delivered through your counsel.

The following will serve as a preliminary response to your Cease and Desist Order dated June 30, 2015 ("order"), while reserving my client's rights to contest all portions of the order at a later date. This will confirm that the parties have engaged in substantial, cooperative discussions to resolve the several issues contained in the order.

In light of the foregoing, I hereby request a continuance of the hearing scheduled for this Thursday until the August 27, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting of your WPCA. We acknowledge that, if the continuance is granted, it is agreed that such a continuance would not be construed as a modification or diminution of the order, which would continue to have the same legal significance as it has now. In addition, my clients will continue to take such actions in response to ongoing discussions as have been previously discussed with your attorney. Likewise, by providing this preliminary, partial response to the order, my clients are not waiving any of their rights to contest the order going forward.

This will further acknowledge that I appreciate the working relationship I have had in attempting to resolve the difficult issues this case has presented with your counsel. In addition, this will acknowledge the good working relationship that Bill Dwinells and you have had on this case. Everyone on my end of things looks forward to continued cooperation between the two towns and their respective WPCA's.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Richard S. Conti*

Richard S. Conti

Cc: Steven R. Werbner, Town Manager  
Bill Dwinells, Town Engineer