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## Regular Meeting Minutes WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY December 10, 2015

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson and Elizabeth Landry. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Gary Leavitt, FOG Program Coordinator; Town Attorney Vincent Purnhagen; Gregory Bazydola, P.E. Arcadis

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### MINUTES OF THE WPCA PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2015

This item was tabled because neither Mrs. Landry nor Mr. Anderson attended the October 22, 2015 meetings. Mr. Anderson said that he has questions about some items discussed at the regular meeting and would like to present those questions at the next meeting.

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

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion 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 and Attorney Purnhagen to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the Authority came out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. No action was taken on this item.

### SHOW CAUSE HEARING

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion to postpone the show cause hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2016. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

### APPROVAL OF OFFICERS

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion to nominate E. Ray Weaver as Chairman. Chairman Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion to nominate John Anderson for Vice-Chairman. Both motions passed unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion to approve the 2016 meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

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#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well and provided the Authority with an update on septage haulers. Mr. Grasis reported that April 2021 is the deadline for complying with phosphorus limits as outlined in the new Municipal NPDES Permit explained the details of the permit's compliance schedule. The deadline for providing a facilities plan for the upgrade of the treatment plant is February 2017, Mr. Grasis said. Regarding the selection of engineering firms for the facilities plan, Mr. Grasis said that he received eight submittals on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Grasis said that he, Mr. Boske, Chairman Weaver, and Town Engineer Dave Smith will come up with a short list of engineering firms after checking references and interviews will be conducted in early January. Mr. Grasis said that he should have more information and details about the engineering firms that were selected for the short list at the next meeting.

#### FOG REGULATION REVIEW

Mr. Leavitt provided an update on the FOG program and said that the same six to seven Food Preparation Establishments (FPE's) are still in violation. He explained that if the Authority were to adopt a fee schedule, it would have to be separate from sewer use charges; state statutes, and the Town of Vernon Ordinances would have to be addressed relative to the fee schedule. Mr. Leavitt reported that he has contacted the DEEP regarding definitions and verbiage in the new state permit for FOG. Mr. Leavitt provided the Authority with proposed revisions to Regulation 1 regarding FOG and the use, connection, discharge of waters and waste into the Vernon sewers. A discussion took place relative to the cost of becoming compliant versus paying a fine. Mr. Leavitt said that the owner of the property is also the owner of the sewer connection. Therefore, he would look to those property owners for compliance, rather than just the owner of the FPE.

#### DART HILL GENERATOR REPAIR

This item was tabled until the next meeting because Mr. Grasis said that he is waiting for a more detailed/itemized invoice regarding the rental of a temporary generator that was used for this project.

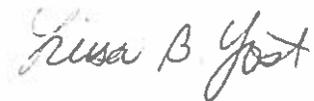
#### ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

#### ADJOURN

Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, Water Pollution Control