



# TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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## MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Regular Meeting December 11, 2014

ATTENDEES: E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Interim Director; Virgil Lloyd, Sr. Vice President, Fuss & O'Neill and Matthew Jermine, Senior P.E., Fuss & O'Neill

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2014

Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the October 23, 2014 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### SEWER CAPACITY FLOW ANALYSIS FOR MAIN STREET AND HYDE AVENUE

Virgil Lloyd, Sr. Vice President and Matthew Jermine, Senior P.E. of Fuss & O'Neill presented details and the results of the sewer capacity flow analysis for Hyde Avenue and Main Street. Mr. Jermine answered questions from, and defined infiltration, inflow and base infiltration for, the Authority. Mr. Jermine reported that the results of the temporary flow monitoring during the spring of 2014 indicated that capacity exists for up to 482,000 gallons per day of additional flow. In regards to the Hyde Avenue analysis, Mr. Jermaine reported that capacity exists for up to 285,000 gallons per day of additional flow. Based on current wastewater flows, there is no capacity problem with the Hyde Avenue sewer. However, projected future flows from Tolland will increase pipe flows far beyond the available hydraulic capacity. Mr. Grasis said that relative to the Inter-town Agreement, if there are capacity issues, there will be shared costs between Vernon and Tolland and explained that Tolland escrows funds in order to help rehabilitate the Rockville Trunk Sewer. Mr. Lloyd answered questions about the necessity and cost of an Inflow & Infiltration Study for these two sites. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Jermine both said that the Authority may want to consider performing further investigation to locate the sources of infiltration for the Rockville Trunk Sewer and to continue to monitor the flows from Hyde Avenue.

### DISCUSSION OF TOWN OF TOLLAND/VERNON INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT AND SKIP'S/WASTEWATER SERVICES

Mr. Grasis reported that there has been no response regarding a letter dated December 3, 2014 he sent to the Town of Tolland's WPCA Chairman, Jim Williams, relative to Skip's/Wastewater Services discharging septage into the Tolland sewer system. Mr. Grasis also referenced the minutes from Tolland's WPCA regular meeting held on November 18, 2014 which states that "He [Bill Dwinells] said according to his early calculations, the Town [of Tolland] is now generating about \$1,000 a week from the operation....John [Zevetchin] also reported

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that Andrew Coleman may be considering putting in a larger type of system in the Business Park. Linda Farmer said Lot 2 may be a good fit for such an operation.” Mr. Grasis said that Skip’s/Wastewater Services does not have a permit from the DEEP for this operation. Vernon’s Town Administration and Vernon’s Town Attorney as well as the DEEP is aware of this he said. Mr. Anderson said that the Town Attorney should be contacted right away with this updated information. Mr. Grasis said that septage revenue is down approximately \$40,000/month since Skip’s/Wastewater Services has not been using Vernon’s treatment plant. Chairman Weaver said that it is not so much about the revenue but that this operation violates the Inter-Town Agreement, and is a possible violation of the Clean Water Act because Skip’s/Wastewater Services is discharging septage without a permit. Mr. Zahner expressed concern about the lack of involvement by the State. Mr. Grasis that the \$1,000/week in generated revenue would equate to approximately 80,000 gallons of discharge into the sewer based on Tolland’s sewer rate. Chairman Weaver expressed concern about damage to the Vernon sewer system and suggested a daily check of the sewer downstream of Tolland. Mr. Grasis said that he will again contact Town Administration. It was the consensus of the Authority to have Chairman Weaver send an email to Town Administrator John Ward regarding this matter.

#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Grasis said that the plant is running well. Chairman Weaver noted the reduction in septage revenue compared to this time last year. The pretreatment boilers have been installed and are running well Mr. Grasis said, however, the gas line running from the street to the building will have to be replaced because it is too small. Mr. Grasis said that he is aware that the boiler replacement was about \$7K- 8K over budget, so he will be contacting CL&P regarding a rebate to offset that cost. Mr. Grasis also reported that the replacement water pump for the Talcottville emergency generator was not the right size. Tower Generator recommended that the water pump should be rebuilt Mr. Grasis said and that cost would be \$11,425.95 which is \$1,978 more than the replacement cost. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion to rescind its earlier motion for \$9447.95 to replace an existing water pump and instead find it in the best interest of the Town of Vernon to waive the bidding procedure and to authorize Tower Generator Service LLC, 20 Canton Springs Road, Canton, CT to rebuild the existing water pump for the Talcottville Emergency Generator for a lump sum fee of \$11,425.95 in accordance with a proposal dated August 19, 2014. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Grasis said that the No. 1 screw pump upper bearing assembly has been rebuilt. Two cranes were needed for the reinstallation which took one day. The cost to purchase a new upper bearing would have been \$30,000 Mr. Grasis reported, but having it rebuilt with existing parts available at the treatment facility, only cost \$5,500 he said. Regarding video taken on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the West Street Siphon, Mr. Grasis said that the pipes look good in that area. Also, a 12 ½ foot section of partially collapsed pipe has since been repaired on Chestnut Street. Mr. Grasis reported that three operators in training will be tutored for a couple of hours every other week to prepare for the Connecticut Wastewater Operators Exam in January and Steve Dombek, Plant Operator, had perfect attendance for two years in a row.

Gary Leavitt, FOG Program Coordinator received positive feedback from food preparations establishments in town relative to the Fats, Oils and Grease newsletter that he sent out last month, Mr. Grasis said. According to a worksheet submitted by Mr. Leavitt, only a few facilities have not submitted their registration. Mr. Grasis said that he would like to discuss, at next month’s meeting, a possible deadline to have those remaining facilities submit the registration forms.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Weaver for President and Mr. Zahner seconded the nomination. The Authority voted to re-elect Mr. Weaver for President by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Weaver abstaining. Mrs. Landry nominated Mr. Anderson for Vice-Chairman and Mr. Zahner seconded the nomination. The Authority voted to elect Mr. Anderson for Vice-Chairman by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Anderson abstaining.

ESTABLISH 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

It was the consensus of the Authority to accept the 2015 Meeting Schedule as presented.

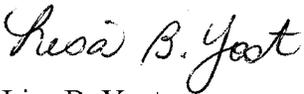
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Chairman Weaver informed the Authority that seven candidates were interviewed for the Director position and four were viable candidates. None of the four qualified candidates accepted the job offer he said, and the job will be posted again. Mr. Anderson said that he would like to know why the qualified candidates did not accept the offer. Chairman Weaver said that he knows that one of the candidates did not accept the position because of the current pension/401K benefit package offered. A discussion took place regarding Direct Responsible Charge Time relative to obtaining a Class IV Operator license. Mr. Grasis said that he would check on Direct Responsible Charge Time relative to the Vernon Treatment Facility.

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, Water Pollution Control