



# TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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## Re-Scheduled Regular Meeting Minutes Water Pollution Control Authority February 23, 2017

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also present, Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matt Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control; and Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2017

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the January 26, 2017 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

### PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that there was a permit violation on January 25<sup>th</sup> because the total for daily suspended solids was exceeded. Ash buildup in the secondary from the carbon regen unit may have influenced the excess Mr. Boske said. The violation was reported to DEEP, and steps have been taken to correct the issue and the carbon regen will continue to be monitored closely, Mr. Boske explained. Regarding the treatment facility upgrade, Mr. Grasis informed the Authority that Steve Seigal of Tighe & Bond, will provide more information as well as an updated schedule at the next meeting. He said Tighe & Bond is working on Chapter 4 of the Facilities plan, which looks at the facility's liquid-stream, and is close to being submitted to DEEP. Some of the tasks that were addressed this month were the site assessments for all seven pump stations; an energy assessment of both Dart Hill and Talcottville pump stations; and the installation of flow meters for the Infiltration & Inflow study of the collection system, Mr. Grasis said. Regarding current activities, Mr. Grasis reported: the motor on the #3 screw pump at the treatment facility is broken; the deferred assessment fee for 160 Hartford Turnpike was paid; and the Talcottville Mill lateral will be reworked before the project is completed.

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY BUDGET #10116157; HOUSING AUTHORITY SEWER SUBSIDY BUDGET #10673282; WASTE TREATMENT OPERATING BUDGET #41345700 AND TOWN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018.

Mr. Grasis gave an overview of the budgets and answered questions from the Authority. He explained that the Water Pollution Control Authority budget reflects a decrease of \$417.00(5.36%) due to the reduced number of active assessments. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion that the Water Pollution Control

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Authority recommend to the Mayor and the Vernon Town Council, Water Pollution Control Authority Budget #10116157 for fiscal year 2017/2018 in the amount of \$6,818. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority recommend to the Mayor and the Vernon Town Council, Housing Authority Sewer Subsidy Budget #10673282 for fiscal year 2017/2018 in the amount of \$50,450. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

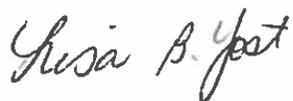
Mr. Grasis reviewed object codes which included proposed budget changes for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A discussion took place relative to machinery and equipment repair. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner, made a motion to reduce Object Code 54320 – Repair Machinery and Equipment by \$50,000 for a total department request of \$153,400. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). A discussion took place regarding Object Code #56142 - Electrical Supplies. Mr. Grasis asked the Authority to increase Object Code #56240- Automotive Oil and Fluids from \$8,000 to \$10,000 because \$10,176 has already been expended for the current fiscal year. Mr. Anderson recommended a \$4,000 increase and made a motion to increase Object Code #56240- Automotive Oil and Fluids from \$8,000 to \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zahner and passed unanimously (5-0-0). The Authority discussed updating the GIS software and associated costs. After discussion, Mrs. Landry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to change Object Code #58400 – Contingency from \$20,000 to zero. A discussion took place regarding contingency costs. After discussion, Mr. Anderson withdrew his second. The motion was denied for lack of a second. Mr. Zahner made a motion to reduce Object Code #58400 - Contingency from \$20,000 to \$1.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson for the purpose of discussion. The motion was denied (0-5-0). Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that Object Code #58400 - Contingency be changed to \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority recommend to the Mayor and the Vernon Town Council, Wastewater Treatment Plant budget #41345700 for fiscal year 2017/2018 in the amount of \$5,770,843. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Grasis presented the Capital Improvements Requests to the Authority. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority recommend to the Mayor and the Vernon Town Council, 2017-2023 Capital Improvements Requests. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). Mr. Daskal presented the department's revenue budget and answered questions from the Authority.

#### ADJOURN

Mr. Grasis spoke to Informational Items. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, Water Pollution Control