



# TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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## MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2019

Wastewater Treatment Plant

7:30 p.m.

### Attendees:

John Anderson, Ken Boynton, Carina Hart, and Kevin Kearney. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; E. Ray Weaver 14 Deepwood Drive; and Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Ray Weaver, 14 Deepwood Drive - Regarding DEEP's Intent to Reissue with Modifications the General Permit for Discharges of Miscellaneous Sewer Compatible Wastewater from Industrial Users: Mr. Weaver said that he is opposed to the modifications. Also, the Authority is not trained in industrial waste treatment nor in its evaluation. The Connecticut Water Pollution Control Abatement Association, which represents waste treatment operators, and to which Mr. Weaver serves as President, is also opposing this. Mr. Weaver said that the Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities are also in opposition to the modifications and MDC of Hartford submitted a letter to DEEP opposing it as well. He considers this a serious issue and it will affect the Intertown agreement. He plans on attending future meetings/workshops with Mr. Grasis.

### MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2019

Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Kearney made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the January 24, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

### UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis reported that the DEEP has approved plans and specifications for the upgrade and referenced the approval letter dated February 19<sup>th</sup> from DEEP representative Denise Ruzicka. The construction contract was advertised on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and a pre-bid walkthrough is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>. Bids are due April 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. Grasis said, and five construction companies have already requested bid documents. Mr. Daskal explained that work is underway regarding the debt service schedule for the surrounding towns and it will be billed on an annual basis.

### PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that everything looks good, effluent water quality is excellent and flows are up considerably this year compared to last year at this time. Mr. Boske updated the Authority on equipment and processes that included: the #2 R.A.S. pump is back from being repaired and will be installed; a screen compactor was repaired; over the road waste is again being accepted because the septage holding tank gate has been repaired; a skimmer arm on the #5 clarifier broke; an old compressor that was in

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solids handling building is being dismantled and will be put in the mechanics garage for use; and the HVAC system in the pretreatment building failed last month and is now up and running. Mr. Grasis reported that he is still waiting to hear from the Permanent Municipal Building Committee after an inspection was conducted on January 30<sup>th</sup> and Operator Steve Dombeck retired last week after 42 ½ years of employment.

#### BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal reported that the conversion to the new billing software is ongoing. The first bi-annual bill generated by the new system should be out by the next meeting. Mr. Daskal also reviewed ongoing sewer collection and enforcement.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACCOUNT #7563

Mr. Grasis provided background on this item and a discussion took place. Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Boynton, made a motion to refund \$2085.00 to County Line Septic LLC. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

#### ESTABLISH A DATE FOR A SPECIAL WPCA MEETING TO REVIEW PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE SEWER AUTHORITY, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE WASTE TREATMENT PLANT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 – 2020

It was the consensus of the Authority to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to review proposed budgets for fiscal year 2019 – 2020.

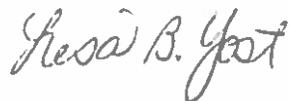
#### ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

#### ADJOURN

Mr. Kearney, seconded by Ms. Hart made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, Water Pollution Control