



TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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APPROVED

MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING January 24, 2019

Attendees:

John Anderson, Ken Boynton, Carina Hart, Kevin Kearney and Andrew Tedford. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; Steve Seigal, Vice President, Tighe & Bond; Vincent Purnhagen, Town Attorney and Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Anderson. Mr. Grasis asked me Items #4 to Item #6.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA: Mr. Webb introduced himself to the new members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Tedford nominated Mr. Anderson for Chairman and Mr. Kearney seconded the nomination. The Authority voted to elect Mr. Anderson as Chairman by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Anderson abstaining. Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Tedford for Vice-Chairman and Ms. Hart seconded the nomination. The Authority voted to elect Mr. Tedford as Vice-Chairman by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Tedford abstaining.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2018 AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2018

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the December 4, 2018 Special Meeting as presented. The motion passed 2-0-3 with Ms. Hart, Messrs. Boynton and Kearny, abstaining.

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Kearney, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the December 6, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Mr. Boynton and Ms. Hart abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TOLLAND LITIGATION

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Kearney, motioned that The Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss matters regarding Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority V Tolland WPCA and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst, Vincent Purnhagen, Town Attorney, and any other persons the Water Pollution Control Authority deems appropriate, to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority entered in to Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Tedford, seconded by Ms. Hart made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

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ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Seigal provided background information on this item for the new members of the Authority. He reported that the 100% design documents have been submitted to the town as well as to D.E.E.P. for review. Regarding construction bids, Mr. Seigal said that the project needs to be advertised in February so that the bid can be awarded by June 28th. Chairman Anderson said that the facility plan can be referenced on the town's website, and he thanked Mr. Seigal and his staff for their work on the upgrade.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well and flows have been up. He explained the return activated sludge process and answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Boske updated the Authority relative to equipment and processes at the facility. Mr. Grasis reported that a new draft permit becomes effective on October 30, 2020 relative to pretreatment programs for wastewater discharge. Gary Leavitt, FOG coordinator will assist with the transition to the new permit. Mr. Grasis reported that current activities included: Joyce Stille, Bolton Administrative Officer will be retiring in July; a sewer overflow occurred on West street due to a snowplow hitting the sewer manhole cover allowing debris to enter into the sanitary sewer; the Permanent Municipal Building Committee has scheduled an inspection of the facility on January 30th; Plant Foreman Tim Foley is retiring after 44 years of employment; the new Talcottville generator passed inspection; and a priority list for maintenance of the pump stations is being developed.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal reported that this month, personnel from the Business office and Tax Collector's office received onsite training for the new billing software. He said that demand notices were issued in November and to date, approximately \$210,000 has been collected. A second set of demand notices were issued this month, and there has been about a 10% reply rate within a week of issuance, and further enforcement of delinquent accounts will commence next week. Mr. Daskal explained the billing dates of the semi-annual billing periods. Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Kearny made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing sewer user accounts. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority entered in to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. At 9:16 p.m., Mr. Kearney, seconded by Ms. Hart made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

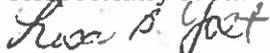
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Grasis spoke to the informational item relative to the duties of the Water Pollution Control Authority and the Town Council on enterprise activity budgets.

ADJOURN

Chairman Anderson welcomed the new Authority members and thanked them for their participation. Mr. Tedford said that he will not be able to attend next month's meeting. Mr. Kearney, seconded by Ms. Hart made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost, Secretary, Water Pollution Control