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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
JULY 21, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Chairman Adam Weissberger, Vice-Chairman E. Ray Weaver and Gary Leavitt. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; Arnie Bevins, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control (arrived 7:28 p.m.); George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Peter Williams, Ellington WPCA Administrator; residents Brian Blake, 812 Hartford Turnpike and James Krupienski, 59 Deerfield Drive.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
The public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Weissberger to hear public comments regarding the establishment of sewer user charges for the last three months of fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 and for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 and payable on October 15, 2011, January 15, 2012, April 15, 2012 and July 15, 2012. The legal notice was read by the Secretary.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
Brian Blake – 812 Hartford Turnpike: Mr. Blake stated that he is unhappy with the current billing rate structure regarding properties that have wells. People cannot be billed on an average he said, and was told by the Water Pollution Control Department that the well charge is based on a family of six; he is the only person residing at his home. Mr. Blake said that if the Town of Vernon must approve the water meters, then the Town should supply water meters as well. He asked who would read the water meter if one is installed at his property and asked the Authority how his bill can be lowered. He wants this issue to be addressed not only for himself but for other people in town who are single residents nearing age 65. Mr. Blake wants to know when and how he will be informed of such discussions. Mr. Blake suggested that the Town purchase water meters in bulk so that that they may be sold at a reduced cost and only businesses in town should be allowed to install those meters.

James Krupienski – 59 Deerfield Drive: Mr. Krupienski asked if there is a current proposed increase in the sewer user rates and what portion of the charges go for improvements to the infrastructure. He also asked if sewer user charges will be affected with regard to a treatment plant upgrade.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING
Chairman Weissberger asked for a motion to close the public hearing at 7:31p.m. Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Weaver made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. The motion passed by acclimation.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa B. Yost, Secretary