

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TOWN OF STONINGTON

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Stonington Police Station—Community Meeting Room September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Rich Cody.

<u>Members Present</u>: Rich Cody, Chairman, Peter Balestracci, Deb Downie, James Petrosky, and Lynn Young

Staff Present: Douglas Nettleton, WPCA Director

2. CONTRACT OPERATIONS

A. Monthly reports – Glen Tatro and John Marcin, representing Suez, presented the monthly reports for July and August. Mr. Tatro reported that Mystic had had a violation for fecal coliform during the first week of September. Mr. Tatro reported that Mystic was again over its design capacity for average daily flows for the month of August.

- 3. PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 p.m. Chairman Rich Cody opened the public hearing. James Petrosky read the legal notice on the proposed change in sewer charges. Mr. Cody opened the meeting to the public. Although unable to appear, Bill Rutherford of 26 Northwest Street submitted a letter to the WPCA Board to be read at the public hearing. Mr. Cody read the letter into the record. Blunt White, Board of Finance member, addressed the Board and asked if the increase would be factored into this year's budget. There was some discussion which resulted in a request from Lynn Young that the Director apply a certain percentage of the increase in revenue that would be received in this fiscal year to that budget proposal. The Public Hearing was closed.
- 4. **DECISIONS** James Petrosky made a motion to accept the 10% increase in sewer rates as outlined in the legal notice. Seconded by Lynn Young and carried by unanimous vote.

5. BUDGET STATUS 2019-2020 - Discussion of the expected shortfall in the budget year of 2019/2020 ensued. The Board voted 5-0 for a rate increase of 10%. Motion by Lynn Young to accept the budget with the following changes: 5% of the 10% increase is to be figured into the revenue and an additional \$30,000 to be applied to the line item "electrical overage". Seconded by James Petrosky and carried by unanimous vote.

6. SEWER DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Update on the response to the amnesty letter re illegally connected submersible pumps to the sewer system.
- B. The Director informed the Board that the RFQ for the I and I study had been advertised and is out on the street.
- C. Update on the generator repairs to the Mystic Facility stand-by generator.
- D. The Director informed the Board that he would not be available for the October meeting
- E. There were not any bills that required action from the Board.

8. CHAIRMAN's REPORT - no discussion

- 9. MINUTES: A motion was made by James Petrosky to approve the July 23, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Peter Balestracci and carried by unanimous vote.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Douglas Nettleton, WPCA Director