



**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN OF STONINGTON**

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WPCA

Feb. 28, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Police Station Meeting Room
Stonington, CT
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Rich Cody.
Members Present: Charles Sheehan and James Falconieri
Staff: Daniel Smith, Director and Ryan McCammon, Assistant Director
2. **Contract Operations:**
Veolia – Discussion/Monthly Report – Veolia Area Manager Peter Vetter introduced Rodrick Ventura as the new Veolia Stonington Project Manager.
Summary of January 2023 operating reports and the contract operations were given by Peter, he also reported that all three facilities have been operating very well and gave an update of the statues of ongoing projects. There continues to be a struggle to find qualified operators.
3. **Public Comments:**
 - A. Mr. Leo Labbe was not present
 - B. Mr. Wagner requested reimbursement for a repair to his sewer. Mr. Wagner felt the inspection done by the Town 43 years ago was not adequate and led to his sewer back-up. Mr. Wagner’s request was denied, the section in question was well on his property.
 - C. Residents from Bayview Ave presented a petition to the Board in regards to extending public sewer up the street. The Board took the petition under advisement and asked the residents to come back with more detailed engineered plans.
4. **Budget Status:** 2022-2023 budget was discussed, no questions or issues.
5. **Bills:** No bills to discuss.
6. **Projects:**

A) CDM Smith: Rte.27/Rte.1 select CIP lining project: Motion made by Mr. Falconieri and seconded by Mr. Sheehan to accept the bid from National Water Main Cleaning Company. Motion passed 3-0

7. Director' Report: Nothing of note to report

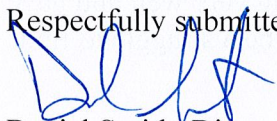
8. Chairman's Report: Based on the recommendation from the Director, Chairman Cody, after some discussion of finances, recommended the WPCA approve a 10% rate increase. Based on a phone call earlier in the day, the Director, shared Ms. Youngs support of a 10% increase. Motion made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. Falconieri to approve 10% rate increase. Motion passed 3-0. Public hearing will be scheduled for March 28th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Falconieri brought up issues he found in the draft SSES report from CDM. Mr. Sheehan also noted his disappointment in the draft report. A lengthy discussion ensued about next steps. A meeting with CDM will be scheduled to sort out the issues and make a plan for moving forward.

9. Minutes: The meeting minutes for January, 2023 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Mr. Falconieri, seconded by Mr. Cody. Motion passed 2-0. Mr. Sheehan abstained as he was not in attendance.

10. Adjournment: Being no other business, Mr. Cody adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Smith, Director