



**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
TOWN OF STONINGTON**

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Public Hearing and WPCA Monthly Meeting  
August 24, 2021  
6:30 P.M.  
Stonington Police Station  
Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Richard Cody, Chairperson.

Members Present: Richard Cody, James Petrosky, Charles Sheehan, Lynn Young, and James Falconieri.

Staff present: Douglas Nettleton, Director and Mike Spring, Suez Project Director

2. **PUBLIC HEARING - Rate Increase**

Richard Cody, Chairperson for the WPCA, opened the Public Hearing and explained the rate increase. He then asked for public comments. There were no comments from the public. James Petrosky made the comment that the increase is required due to the cost of operating the three facilities in Stonington. Meeting was then closed.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS –**

Motion was made by Lynn Young to approve the rate increase as so noted. Second by James Petrosky. Motion passed 5-0

4. **CONTRACT OPERATIONS –**

Mike Spring presented his reports for the plant operations for June and July of 2021. Mike reported that the Borough is operating very well with additional flows from the diversion. Conversation moved towards the present time operations and issues surrounding the diversion and the high flows received at the Mystic facility.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – The Chairperson opened up the floor to those in attendance. Alan Contillo recounted his own experience on the effects and personal cost of the moratorium not being lifted at this time. The chairperson acknowledged his comment and pointed out that no one had expected the uptick in flows to the Mystic Facility and that the Board will do everything within its power to provide some relief but has to maintain compliance with the Mystic plant's operating permit.

Brad Ferguson appeared before the Board seeking relief and credit for his deduct meter flow total for the period prior to the inspection of that unit. Richard Cody recused himself from this item because of a conflict. Discussion resulted in a motion by Lynn Young to deny the request with a second by James Petrosky. Vote 4-0. Request denied.

**6. BUDGET STATUS 2020-2021 -**

Discussion of the budget year of 2021/2022. As noted, the budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 has a deficit of over \$440,000 which required, for the second year in a row, that the WPCA to use funds from the Sewer Development account to cover the overage. The primary reason for the rate increase passed by the Board.

**7. STATUS OF THE SEWER MORATORIUM, MYSTIC –**

Discussion – The diversion system from Mystic to the Borough is operational and running at the allowable permit level of .8 MGD. Flows to the Mystic facility are still hovering at the permit level of .8 MGD. The Board discussed additional options that might allow for a potential limited lifting of the moratorium which included examining the potential for increasing the Mystic operating permit through discussions with the design engineering group CDM, increasing the flows to the Borough facility which would require DEEP to change the recently issued permit for the Borough Facility which currently limits the diversion to .3 MGD. The Board recognized the need to allow time to determine the Borough facility overall ability to handle and meet permit with the existing new flows. The Board asked the Director to look into the diversion pumps and the diversion line's capability to handle further increases in the diversion. The Director and Board member Chuck Sheehan will contact CDM to review the .8 MGD design at the Mystic Facility and the potential for increasing the .8 MGD limit. The Board acknowledged that this would be a difficult if not impossible alternative. The Board authorized the Director to move forward into Phase two of the I&I study with CDM as soon as possible.

**8. BILLS –**

Sale of the effluent filter not being used at the Mystic Facility. The Board has received an offer for the purchase which was previously approved. Chairperson Cody will work with the Director on finalizing that sale.

**9. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT –**

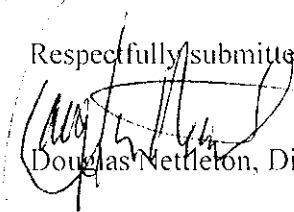
None

**10. MINUTES – APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Motion Lynn Young with second by Chuck Sheehan. Motion passed 5-0

**11. ADJOURNMENT –** the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Douglas Nettleton, Director

10/28/21