



**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN OF STONINGTON**

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WPCA Special Meeting – Virtual Meeting
November 17, 2020
Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The virtual meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rich Cody, Chairperson.

Members Present: Lynn Young, Rich Cody, Peter Balestracci, James Petrosky and Chuck Sheehan

Staff present: Douglas Nettleton, Director

Also present for the meeting was Michael Spring from Suez.

2. **CONTRACT OPERATIONS** – Discussion ensued pertaining to the August and September monthly reports. The Authority reviewed some of the operating issues at the Borough and the Mystic Facilities during August. Mr. Spring went through some of the process changes and other steps that Suez has taken to improve the operations. He reported that all three facilities have improved and are running well. There was some discussion regarding the cost and the amount of spare parts required to service and maintain the UV systems employed at all three facilities for disinfection. There was some discussion pertaining to the high flows received at the Mystic facility during the month of August and carrying into September and the possible causes as well as the apparent discrepancy between flows to the facility vs. billable flows.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

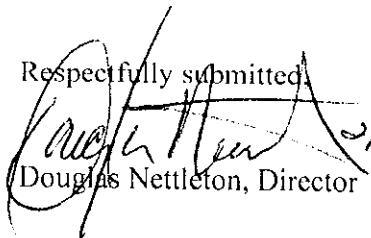
4. **DECISIONS**

- A. Approved, based on the recommendation of the Director and Beta Engineering, the low bid submitted by Del Ray Contracting in the amount of \$426,606. Funding is to come from the \$10 million bond. Motion by Lynn Young. Second by Chuck Sheehan. Vote 5-0 motion passed.
- B. Further discussion on the Safety Valve Program. This program is an optional, 3rd party program offered by Safety Valve, that is recognized by the authority to have potential value for its customers by offering a protection plan for the homeowner's lateral sewer. For clarification, the

homeowner owns the line from the dwelling to the stub, off the sewer main which is usually located at the property line. This was voted on and approved in September with the condition that the Director contact other communities whom have acknowledged this program and agreed to the marketing and sale of these services to their customers. The Director having done so and finding no reasons not to move forward with this optional program.

5. **BUDGET STATUS** –
6. **BILLS**- Continued discussion on the MRRA line item within the budget and the increase in the use of outside vendors by Suez.
7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**– Director gave an updated status on projects currently underway and planned for the near future.
8. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**– none
9. **MINUTES**– Approval from the meeting held on September 8, 2020 – Lynn Young made the motion with a second by Chuck Sheehan. Vote passed 5-0
10. **ADJOURNMENT**– Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 9/24/2021
Douglas Nettleton, Director