

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN OF STONINGTON
REGULAR MEETING – February 27, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was held January 23, 2018 at the Stonington Police Station Meeting Room.

Members in attendance: Members in attendance; Chairperson Rich Cody, Peter Balestracci, Lynn Young, Deborah Downie, and James Petrosky. Also present: Douglas Nettleton, Director.

1. Call to order – 6:30 p.m.
2. Contract Operations – Suez (United Water) – January of 2017 review of plant operations by Jim Nyberg. Plants performed well in January although there were some cold weather issues which were the result of the long period of cold weather. Discussion of the thickened sludge pump trial which is now nearing its end. Inspection of the trial pump was performed and wear appeared normal. Presented the year end reports for 2017 The Board had requested that power consumption be added to the monthly reports and Jim explained where it was in the report. Lynn Young commented on the listed differences in rain fall totals between the facilities. Mr. Nyberg said he would look into the issue.
3. Consideration and possible action on the 7.5% increase in sewer rates – motion to increase sewer charges as specified in the “Notice of Proposed Sewer Use Charge” by Lynn Young with a second by Pete Balestracci. Vote 5-0. Motion passed.
4. Changes to the Rules and Regulations as listed in the agenda – motion to approve new regulations as listed in the agenda with exception, the removal of the last quotation mark, motion by James Petrosky with a second by Lynn Young. Motion passed 5-0
5. Comments from the Public: Bill Rutherford addressed the Board again regarding his concerns about any contract to construct and operate a solar array at the WPCA’s Borough Treatment Plant site. Pricilla Gager expressed concerns with the sewer capacity use as the additional students begin to change over to the Mystic Middle School.
6. Perkins Farm – Developer appearing before the board in request of a “will serve” letter from the WPCA. After discussion Rich Cody agreed to the letter.
7. Bills – none needing Board approval at this time.
8. Correspondence – The WPCA Director and Elizabeth Camerino Shultz representing Aquarian Water, have drafted and sent a letter to Krista Keene of Amtrak, for the purpose of negotiating a new lease for the Lords Point Crossing. Aquarian Water is involved because they have a water line in the same crossing. Lynn Young asked why the Town was not pursuing this action in regards to Town property on which Amtrak had installed equipment without a lease. Director responded that the Town is in correspondence with Amtrak on other issues for which that Town property is in play, however if our negotiations break down then that property could become part of further negotiations.

9. Directors Report –

Paving sewer easement for use as a driveway 30 Morgan St. Approved with a memo to be filed in Land Records that the WPCA will not be held liable for the restoration of said pavement in the event that the sewer line had to be excavated, or if the pavement was damaged in the course of providing maintenance to said sewer line in the easement, or that the paving in this area of the easement will not be construed as a roadway intersecting N. Broad Street and Morgan Street. Rich Cody requested his review of this memo.

Discussion of offer from Aqua-Aerobics to buy back the used effluent filter.

Discussion regarding CDM attending the meeting in March. Board members requesting update from the Director on financials for the contract. Update on the replacement airline at Pawcatuck. Request from the Wood River Watershed Association requesting the WPCA support Federal Designation "Scenic and Wild" for the Pawcatuck and Wood Rivers. Deborah Downie to review the request.

Discussion of the current status of the transmission line functionality. Board request that Suez look into the condition of the valves on the line.

10. Chairpersons Report - none.

11. Minutes -

Approved minutes from the January, 2018 meeting. 4-0. Deborah Downie not present at that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:22 p.m.



Douglas L. Nettleton,
Clerk, pro-tem