



**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN OF STONINGTON**

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Director

Stonington Police Station– Community Meeting Room
July 23, 2019
Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Board Members Rich Cody, Peter Balestracci, Deb Downie, James Petrosky, Lynn Young, and Douglas Nettleton, Director

2. CONTRACT OPERATIONS

Monthly Reports – Glen Tatro presented his report for June, 2019. All facilities were in compliance for the month however, the Mystic Facility had an average daily flow of .814. The hydraulic permit level for the Mystic facility is .800. He reported that the Stonington Borough Facility had a fecal violation reported on Friday July 19th. Current flows from the last torrent of rain had flows at the Mystic Facility reaching 1.8 MGD when the last bacteria sample was taken. Awaiting the results. Average flows for the day, Tuesday July 23rd, at Mystic Facility from the nearly 4” of rain fall was 1.308 MGD.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Steve Plant again inquired about the MOU with Aquaculture. Chairperson Rich Cody has provided new language to be used in the document regarding contact response time. This was his only change to the draft MOU however it appears to be in contention. As such Mr. Cody requested that the Director set up a phone conversation between himself and Kristen DeRosia-Banick at Aquaculture to discuss.

BILLS

None that require action from the Board.

3. BUDGET STATUS 2018-2019 – The Board reviewed the status of accounts 222 and 501 end of the year accounts. Discussion of the expected shortfall in the new budget year of an expected \$374,012. Board voted 5-0 for a rate increase of 10%. Motion by Lynn Young to the Director to start the process for raising the rates to that level. Second by James Petrosky. Board members discussed the fact that this increase is unavoidable due to the increase in the cost of electricity, made worse by the high flows to the system over the last 6 months which has increased electrical usage, contract costs with our contract services provider, increasing cost of repairs to our aging assets, and a reduction in funding from the Town of Stonington for the operation of the sewer system.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Discussion continued on the issue of illegally connected submersible pumps to the sewer system which are considered a real and immediate threat to the future capacity of the Mystic Facility. Chairperson Rich Cody and the Director are developing a letter to be sent to the Mystic sewer users regarding these sump pumps which are illegally discharging into the sewer system. The Board discussed possible action on this issue prior to the start of any Inflow and Infiltration study.
- B. The Director informed the Board that as requested, and after review by our attorney, the Director signed a contract with Wright Pierce to proceed with generating plans and specifications for the diversion line from Mystic to the Borough Facility.
- C. The Director authorized Suez to proceed with rehabilitation of the Diving Street Pumping Station.
- D. Director reported that the RFQ for the I&I Study is complete and ready for advertisement.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – None

6. MINUTES: The June meeting minutes were approved. 4-0-1 Motion by Lynn Young with a second by James Petrosky. Rich Cody abstained since he was not in attendance for the May meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas Nettleton, Director