

## APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on January 28, 2019 in the Conference Room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Freda, Lane, Stamp, Thomas and Werner  
ABSENT: Pellegrino, Sheridan  
ALSO PRESENT: Andy Bevilacqua, Town Engineer  
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water  
Cheryl Maratea, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

Mr. Werner asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting. Mr. Stamp motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**2. Welcome Leonard Thomas to the WPCA Commission (AB)** Andy Bevilacqua and Richard Werner – Chairman of the commission formally introduced and welcomed Mr. Leonard Thomas as a new member to the WPCA commission.

**3. Update on Summer Lane Assessments (AB)** – Andy Bevilacqua updated the commission on the status of the bills for the Summer Lane Assessments. The Tax Collector/ Town Clerk, Stacey Yarbrough is preparing the bills and all the necessary paperwork that needs to be filed on the Land Records. This should be all completed in March 2019

**4. Update on 300 Spring Road, 50 Angel Place and 5 Weathers Road (AB) - Mr. Bevilacqua updated the commission on the issues concerning the following** - The residents at 300 Spring Road have paid their Sewer Use fees in full and no longer request an adjustment to their bill. The residents at 50 Angel Place have not provided any proof – RWA statements showing limited water use during the last billing period as requested by the commission. An adjustment will not be made until proof of water use was only for the Koi pond as previously stated. The resident at 5 Weathers Road must contact her lawyer regarding the outstanding Sewer Use charge balance that was not paid at the closing of the home she purchased. On the warranty deed it is clearly stated that the outstanding Sewer Use charges would become the responsibility of the new homeowner. Mr. Bevilacqua will send her a letter regarding this situation.

**5. FOG Program Update (AB)** - Andy Bevilacqua updated the commission on the F.O.G program. 69 Permits have been renewed in 2018. Two (2) businesses have not responded – Annie’s Kitchen and Popeye’s Chicken, 2nd and 3rd notices have been sent out. The Town Attorney has also been notified. It was discovered that Ludals was not sent their renewal; in error. It has now been sent out and we are awaiting payment. There were two (2) late fees charged-\$250 each to Cumberland Farms and Quinnipiac. Overall the F.O.G. program went very well this year.

6. **Changes to State Wastewater Pretreatment Program (AB)** – Mr. Bevilacqua shared with the commission that by October 2020 managing the Industrial permits will become the responsibility of the municipalities. The State will no longer be managing this program. The commission will be able to set the fees for the permits. As more information becomes available concerning this change, he will forward the information to the commission. This will be a large undertaking for the town.
7. **WPCF Plant Operations – status report – (MB Veolia)** - Mr. Barrows reported the plant is running ok and there were no violations to report. Mr. Barrows told the commission that due to the amount of rainfall in the last 4 months the plants flow rate for 2017-2018 has increased 25% When the flow goes up the nitrogen level goes up. We currently owe approximately \$80,000 in Nitrogen credits. The flow is at 85%. If the flow reaches 90% action will need to be taken to correct this problem. There is a very large amount of water going thru the plant. Mr. Bevilacqua will look into this issue and feels that the flow will need to be monitored /metered- checking the Inflow and Infiltration. Mr. Freda asked for a motion to move forward with this study to find out where the groundwater and stormwater are draining into our dedicated wastewater /sanitary sewer system. Mr. Lane motioned to move forward with this study seconded by Mr. Thomas. The vote was unanimous in favor.
8. **Capital Program Management Plan – Matt Johnson (Veolia)** - Before Mr. Johnson updated the commission on the Capital Management Plan; Selectman Freda informed the commission that Chris Ulbrich - Defco Park Road has requested to extend the sewer line down Defco Park Road. He will contribute \$100,000 towards the project. The cost of extending the line will be approximately \$250,000- \$500,000. Selectman Freda wanted to know how the commission felt about this. The money will have to most likely come out of the Enterprise fund, which is being used to fund the upgrade of the plant. Mr. Bevilacqua did an analysis of this request – a gravity line must be installed as well as a pump station to pick up the flow. Mr. Freda believes this project will attract more economic development to the area and increased tax revenue. This project is in the discussion stage as it will affect the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Freda also discussed the inter-local agreement with the GNHWPCA regarding the sewer lines on the Hamden-North Haven line that are discharged into the GNH sewage system. More info on this agreement will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Johnson – Veolia updated the commission on the Capital Improvement Plan. He presented the commission with the proposal for the preliminary engineering needed to define the scope of work and construction price to replace the influent screen. Mr. Freda is going to look into classifying this work under professional services so it does not have to go out to bid. He will follow up with Mr. Bevilacqua on this. Mr. Stamp motioned to approve this proposal, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor.
9. **Payment of Bills –None**
10. **Miscellaneous** - First Selectman Michael Freda asked the commission for a nomination to fill the vacancy of Vice Chairman to the commission. Mr. Lane motioned to nominate Mr. Pellegrino, seconded by Mr. Stamp. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Pellegrino will be the new Vice Chairman of the WPCA Commission.
11. **Public Comments - None**
12. **Adjournment** – Mr. Thomas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stamp. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.