

**MINUTES OF THE WATER AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Meeting, March 26, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Water and Water Pollution Control Authority began at 7:00 P.M. on the 26th day of March, 2009, in the Richard R. Martin Center, Senior Citizen Center Library, 120 Broad Street (Rear), New London, CT.

**PRESENT:** Bryon Thompson, Vice-Chairman  
Mario Strafaci  
Richard Kotecki  
Robert Grills

**ALSO PRESENT:** Frank Morelli, Public Utilities Administrator  
Peter Vetter, Project Manager, Veolia Water  
Kathryn Willis, Veolia Water  
Marianna Gaynor McGuirk, Recording Secretary  
Mr. Todd Blonder  
Mr. Gil Ryan  
Mr. Dennis Setzko

**ABSENT:** Barry J. Weiner, Chairman  
Evelyn Louziotis  
Wade Hyslop, Council Liaison

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**1.0 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Vice-Chairman Bryon Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was present, but not until 7:10 p.m. when Mr. Grills arrived. Vice-Chairman Thompson noted that he would start the meeting with informational items only.

**2.0 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to take Item 7.0(3), 7.0(4) and 7.0 (4)(a) to the floor. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Dennis Setzko from Earth Tech, Inc. gave an update on all pump stations. He answered questions that were presented by the Authority. Mr. Setzko noted that Change Order #4, which is 7.0(4)(a) on the agenda, is a **NO COST** Change Order for a **time extension** needed because the contractor was held up by the power company.

He then commented on Change Order #3, which is 7.0(4) on the agenda, and noted it involves shifting of the line items on the contract for items that needed to be corrected for Pump Stations #5 and #8. He added that the actual Change Order is pretty clear, but he would be willing to answer any questions raised.

**Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to approve Item 7.0(4) Change Order #3. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to approve Item 7.0(4)(a) Change Order #4. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to take Item 7.0(6) to the floor. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Todd Blonder was present to request full reimbursement for repairs completed at his property at 308 Broad Street on February 23, 2009. He noted that the water leak was on the city-side of the curb box and not his side. Mr. Peter Vetter from Veolia noted he had a difference of opinion with Mr. Blonder, and added that the leak was on the city-side after excavation, and he believes the leak on the city-side occurred during excavation. In addition, Mr. Vetter noted that there were many leaks on the property owner's side, and equated it to looking like "Swiss Cheese."

After much discussion, **upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to table Item 7.0(6) until the April 23, 2009, meeting of the W&WPCA to give Mr. Blonder the opportunity to invite Mr. Daniels from Daniels & Sons Construction to attend the meeting with him. The motion carried unanimously.**

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Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to take Item 7.0(11) to the floor. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to add communication from Thames Shipyard & Repair Co., Inc. (distributed at the meeting this evening) to the existing Agenda Item 7.0(12). The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gil Ryan of Woodard & Curran, an environmental consultant for Thames Shipyard & Repair Co., Inc. addressed the Authority RE: Thames Shipyard & Repair Co., Inc. – Registration for Coverage – General Permit for the Discharge of MISC Wastewater – Discharge of Pressure Wash Wastewater to New London POTW. After discussion, Peter Vetter noted that he felt they met all our requirements, however, he said it is a unique situation and he wasn't sure how Veolia would bill for same.

Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to accept the proposal from Thames Shipyard & Repair Co., Inc. for discharge of MISC Wastewater and charge regular "honey dipper" rates, and Veolia and Frank Morelli be kept in the loop with regard to correspondence sent to the State. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to go back to the regular order of business. The motion carried unanimously.

**3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

(1) February 26, 2009 – Regular Budget Meeting Minutes – Accepted

Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to accept the February 26, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes. This motion carried unanimously.

**4.0 FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AUTHORITY:**

(1) Tabled Agenda Items

(a) Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC (Tabled from 2/26/09 W&WPCA meeting)

Frank Morelli noted that there is some language in the Veolia Contract that needs to be discussed with Peter Vetter regarding the forestry obligations.

**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to re-table Agenda Item 4.0(1)(a) until the April meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

(2) 03/06/09 Letter to Gary Johnson from Frank Morelli RE: Consent Order DWS 05-095-398

(3) 02/27/09 Letter to Gary Johnson from Frank Morelli RE: Consent Order DWS 05-095-398

(4) 03/05/09 Letter to Frank Morelli from Karl F. Acimovic, P.E. RE: Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavation

(5) 02/20/09 Memo to Peter Vetter & Kathryn Willis, from Frank Morelli RE: Water and Sewer Rate Increase

(6) 02/24/09 Memo to Martin Berliner from Frank Morelli RE: Waterford Problem Valve Map and Spreadsheets

(7) 02/24/09 Memo to Martin Berliner from Frank Morelli RE: Maintenance Items (Work Orders)

(8) Communication from Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC RE: Balance in Escrow Account

(9) On-going business of the Authority—Memo to W&WPCA from Frank Morelli: RE: Accomplishments

Frank Morelli reviewed his memo dated March 13, 2009, RE: Accomplishments and addressed questions that were raised by the Authority regarding same.

With regard to the Rehabilitation of Barnes and Beckwith Dams, Frank Morelli noted that he spoke with the Finance Director and requested to move forward with this project. The response from Finance was that the money is not available at this time. The Authority requested Mr. Morelli to pursue this further with Finance. Bob Grills noted his concern is that the dams may let go.

Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to receive for the record Items 4.0 (1) through 4.0 (9) and take actions as dictated by the Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

**5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to add-on to the agenda the Resolution presented by Mario Strafaci. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mario Strafaci noted that the Authority has requested from Finance an itemized accounting of what was paid with the money that Finance took out of the Wachovia accounts. He added, to date, we have not received a response back relative to same. Mario presented a Resolution and requested the Authority support this Resolution.

**Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved that the Authority pass this Resolution and request the City Manager instruct the Director of Finance to allow Mr. Morelli to go out to bid for a comprehensive outside audit. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Director of Law's office for his review. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mario requested that when the document is given to the City Manager either in person or via Certified Mail, *that we obtain proof that it was received.* He also noted that if the City Manager and Director of Finance do not agree to this comprehensive outside audit, that we can receive this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

### 5.1 **For the Information of the Authority to be Received for the Record:**

- a) Veolia Monthly Contract Operations Report – Received 3/17/09

Peter Vetter presented his report and answered questions that were raised by the Authority. He noted that the reason so many employees of Veolia were present this evening is because Veolia just passed their one-year anniversary on this contract. He added that the road crews have done a great job, as well as the billing department.

Peter Vetter expressed his concern regarding the amount of valves that are paved over. He added that a new list of paved-over valves is available.

Peter Vetter noted that at the last meeting he spoke about a mixing pump in the thickened sludge tank being repaired – the quote for repair was \$12,180.00. At this point, he is not recommending the City go this route. He added at the last meeting he was also directed to get quotes for a mixing pump, which he gave to Mr. Morelli today. Peter Vetter stated that feels purchasing the new pump is the way to proceed. **Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to replace the pump with a new Vaughan model-- \$13,500 with freight (Veolia will install). The motion was carried unanimously.**

- b) Minutes and Agenda from Waterford Utility Commission  
(1) Agenda – Regular Meeting – March 16, 2009 -- Received March 13, 2009
- c) Minutes and Agenda from East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission  
(1) Agenda – Regular Meeting – 2/24/09 – Received 2/20/09  
(2) Minutes – Regular Meeting – 1/27/09 – Received 2/20/09
- d) Transfers/Deposits  
(1) 3/6/09 Memo to Donald Goodrich from Frank Morelli RE: Transfer of Funds – Water Budget  
**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to approve the Transfer of Funds as noted in Item 5.1(d)(1). The motion carried unanimously.**  
(2) 3/5/09 Memo to Martin Berliner via Donald Goodrich from Frank Morelli RE: Request for Appropriating Ordinance  
**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to approve the Request for Appropriating Ordinance as noted in Item 5.1(d)(2). The motion carried unanimously.**
- e) Information List (**Actions as dictated by the Authority**)  
(1) 03/03/09 Letter to Benjamin Henry, Insituform Technologies, Inc. from Frank Morelli RE: Contract

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2007-01: Infiltration/Inflow Rehabilitation Program—Area #5

- (2) 03/02/09 Memo to Kathryn Willis from Frank Morelli RE: Forwarding Delinquent Accounts to the Law Director as approved by the Authority at the February 26, 2009 meeting.
  - (3) 03/02/09 Memo to Attorney Brian Estep from Frank Morelli RE: Legal advice regarding completion of 2008 Annual Watershed Survey
  - (4) 03/02/09 Memo to Attorney Brian Estep from Frank Morelli RE: Request for Legal Action (Reimbursement from New York Leak Detection)
  - (5) 03/02/09 Letter to Karl F. Acimovic from Frank Morelli RE: Table payment of \$337.50 until response from Karl F. Acimovic regarding signed contract
  - (6) 03/03/09 Memo to City Council via: Martin Berliner from Frank Morelli RE: Meeting with City Council RE: Water and Sewer Budgets
  - (7) 03/16/09 Memo to Martin Berliner from Frank Morelli RE: Comprehensive Outside Audit
- f) Invoices, Bills and Change Orders for Approval or Payment
- (1) Veolia Water: Invoice # 7012313 in the amount of \$468,205.75 for April, 2009  
**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to approve payment to Veolia Water: Invoice # 7012313 in the amount of \$468,205.75 for April 2009. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (2) Ti-Sales: Invoice #00225606 in the amount of \$774.40  
**Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to approve payment to Ti-Sales: Invoice # 00225606 in the amount of \$774.40. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (3) AECOM: Invoice #468709 in the amount of \$700.00  
**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to approve payment to AECOM: Invoice #468709 in the amount of \$700.00. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (4) Conway & Londregan: Invoice # 36582 in the amount of \$945.00  
**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to approve payment to Conway & Londregan: Invoice #36582 in the amount of \$945.00. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (5) Kovacs Construction Corporation: Application #14 in the amount of \$ 78,410.00  
**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to approve payment to Kovacs Construction Corporation: Application #14 in the amount of \$ 78,410.00. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (6) Haluch Water Contracting, Inc.: Change Order #2, Contract 2008-02 (Latimer Brook Watershed Water Supply Improvements – Time Extension).  
**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to accept Haluch Water Contracting, Inc.: Change Order #2, Contract 2008-02 (Latimer Brook Watershed Water Supply Improvements – Time Extension to May 29, 2009). The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (7) Haluch Water Contracting, Inc.: Invoice (Application #5) in the amount of \$ 951,536.68 – Latimer Brook Watershed Water Supply Improvements – Phase I, Contract 2008-02  
**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to approve payment to Haluch Water Contracting, Inc.: Invoice (Application #5) in the amount of \$ 951,536.68. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (8) Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice J.N. 03024 (tabled from 2/26/09 meeting) in the amount of \$337.50 (Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations)  
**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to approve payment to Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice J.N. 03024 (tabled from 2/26/09 meeting) in the amount of \$337.50. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (9) Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice J.N. 03024 in the amount of \$ 90.00 (Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations)  
**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to approve payment to Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice J.N. 03024 in the amount of \$ 90.00. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - (10) Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$438.00 (Dam Repairs and Modifications)  
**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to approve payment to Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$ 438.00. The motion carried unanimously.**
- g) Finance Report

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(1) (a-d) Wachovia Securities – Received

(a) Treatment Plant Sinking Fund – Received 03/09/09

(b) Water Surcharge Account Water Fund – Received 03/09/09

(c) Sewer Fund – Received 03/09/09

(d) Water Fund - Capital Projects – Received 03/09/09

(2) Monthly Water/Sewer Finance Report – Received 03/11/09

h) Delinquency Report – Provided by Veolia – Received 3/17/09

**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to approve Veolia to send recommended delinquent accounts to Legal. The motion carried unanimously.**

The foregoing matters Items 5.1a) through 5.1h) are received for the record and/or referred to the Committee

**6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

(1) Resolution – City Council -- Revoke Authorization of Unissued Debt for Sewer Rehabilitation, Infiltration and Improvements

**Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to approve Resolution- City Council- Revoke Authorization of Unissued Debt for Sewer Rehabilitation, Infiltration and Improvements. The motion carried unanimously.**

(2) 3/11/09 - Memo to Frank Morelli from Attorney Brian Estep RE: Gravel Excavation Agreement

(3) 3/11/09 - Memo to Frank Morelli & Kathryn Willis from Attorney Brian Estep RE: 3, 5, & 6 Highway Point Rd.

(4) 3/03/09 - Letter to William Hathaway from Paul White, Massamont Insurance Agency, Inc. RE: 41 Stuart Avenue—Plaintiff – Kenneth Lavoie

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

(1) 02/23/09—Letter to Mr. William M. Sullivan from Frank Morelli – Invitation to Attend W&WPCA meeting on March 26, 2009

(2) 02/18/09 Letter from William M. Sullivan to Department of Public Utilities RE: Request for Consideration for Reduction of Bill due to Leak

Mr. William M. Sullivan did not show up to the meeting to discuss his request.

(3) 02/03/09 – Letter to Mr. Dennis G. Setzko, AECOM from Frank Morelli RE: Request Attendance at the March 26, 2009 meeting of the W&WPCA (Explanation of Charge Order Form #3)

(4) Kovacs Construction Co. Inc.: Change Order Form #3: Rehabilitation of Pump Stations 4,5,8, and 9 (Contract Start Date, September 25, 2007) [Handled under Item 2.0 Citizen Participation]

(a) Kovacs Construction Co., Inc.: Change Order Form #4: Rehabilitation of Pump Stations 4,5,8, and 9 Time Extension -- (Contract # 2007-18) [Handled under Item 2.0 Citizen Participation]

(5) 03/09/09 – Letter to Mr. Todd Blonder from Frank Morelli RE: Invitation to Attend W&WPCA meeting on March 26, 2009 [Handled under Item 2.0 Citizen Participation]

3/3/09 -Letter to Frank Morelli from Todd Blonder RE: Request for Full Reimbursement for Repairs—308 Broad Street--Total Requested: \$2,177.40 (TABLED UNTIL APRIL 23, 2009 MEETING OF THE W&WPCA)

(6) 3/1/09 Letter to Louise E. Rickard from Frank Morelli RE: Water Supply Plan Revisions Dated March 1, 2009

(7) 2/27/09 Letter to Neftali Soto from Frank Morelli RE: Second half Estimated Bill for FY 2008/2009 Sewage Treatment

(8) 2/27/09 Letter to Michael Giannattasio from Frank Morelli RE: Second Half Estimated Bill for FY 2008/2009 Sewage Treatment

(9) Communication from Ferrucci& Walicki, LLC to Department of Public Utilities RE: New Firewood Contract

(10) 03/13/09 Letter to Mr. Adam Wronowski, Cross Sound Ferry Services, Inc. from Frank Morelli RE: Invitation to Attend W&WPCA meeting on March 26, 2009

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(11) Correspondence from Cross Sound Ferry Services, Inc. RE: Request to discharge to Wastewater Treatment Facility [Handled under Item 2.0 Citizen Participation]

(12) 3/16/09 Email from Peter Vetter to Frank Morelli RE: New London Water Phone Line

**8.0      ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to adjourn the March 26, 2009, meeting at 9:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the W&WPCA will be Thursday, April 23, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard R. Martin Center, Senior Center Library, 120 Broad Street (rear), New London, CT.

**ATTEST TO BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:**

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