

**MINUTES OF THE WATER AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Meeting, May 28, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Water and Water Pollution Control Authority began at 7:03 P.M. on the 28th day of May, 2009, in the Richard R. Martin Center, Senior Citizen Center Library, 120 Broad Street (Rear), New London, CT.

**PRESENT:** Barry J. Weiner, Chairman  
Bryon Thompson, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Grills  
Evelyn Louziotis

**ALSO PRESENT:** Frank Morelli, Public Utilities Administrator  
Peter Vetter, Project Manager, Veolia Water  
Kathryn Willis, Veolia Water  
Paul M. Formica, First Selectman, East Lyme, CT  
Donald P. Iannicelli, P.E., GeoInsight, Inc.  
Chris Clark, Operations Manager – Mohegan Tribal Utility Authority  
Mavis Krajewski, Citizen  
Karen Crompton, The Day  
Marianna Gaynor McGuirk, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:** Wade Hyslop, Council Liaison  
Richard Kotecki  
Mario Strafaci

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**1.0 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Chairman Weiner called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was present. Chairman Weiner welcomed First Selectman, Paul M. Formica from East Lyme and other guests that were present.

**2.0 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to take Item 7.0(3) to the floor. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mavis Krajewski, 16 Pacific Street, New London, CT expressed her concern relative to the last bill she received with regard to the retroactive portion of the bill. After discussion, Chairman Weiner thanked her for her concerns but noted that we have an obligation to all of the users to make sure the system is viable, and added that a Public Hearing was held regarding the increase in rates thus the Authority could not vote to reimburse her that portion of the bill.

**Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to take Item 6.0(1) to the floor. The motion carried unanimously.**

Paul Formica, First Selectman from the Town of East Lyme thanked the W&WPCA for the opportunity to speak this evening regarding East Lyme's water supply and their concern over the seasonal water shortfall that they experience each year. Mr. Formica noted that he is not only concerned about East Lyme but about the water supply for the region in general. He learned at a Council of Governments (COG) meeting that the region is facing a 10 million gallon a day water shortage by the year of 2040. Mr. Formica along with Chris Clark, Operations Manager for the Mohegan Tribal Utility Authority and Donald Iannicelli, P.E., from GeoInsight, Inc. were present to discuss a unique concept, which Mr. Formica referred to as a "win-win for both the Town of East Lyme and City of New London and further win for the region down the road." Mr. Formica added that he realizes and anticipates that there will be lots of questions and New London would need time to digest what is presented this evening. After the presentation and discussion, Chairman Weiner thanked Mr. Formica, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Iannicelli for the information presented and noted that he thought it was an interesting concept and exciting but the "devil is in the details." In conclusion, Chairman Weiner stated that he liked what he had seen so far and added New London will cooperate in any manner necessary with the studies and assisting with an understanding of our system. He added we are optimistically encouraged and anxious to hear about the outcome of the studies. Peter Vetter noted that he would like to invite them up to Lake Konomoc and Chairman Weiner stated that he thought it was a great idea but preferred it be coordinated through Frank Morelli. Chairman Weiner thanked them again for coming and noted he looks forward to working with them as cooperative neighbors.

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**3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

(1) April 23, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Accepted

**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to accept the April 23, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

(1) Tabled Agenda Items

- (a) Communications from Ferrucci & Walicki RE: Balance in Escrow and New Firewood Contract (tabled from the 2/26/09, 3/26/09, and 4/23/09 meetings) and Current Statement from Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC dated 5/4/09

**Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to remove Item 4.0(1)(a) from the table. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved to send the Firewood Contract to our attorney for review and based upon his review we would proceed with signing the contact. The motion carried unanimously.**

- (2) 4/16/09 Email to William Hathaway and Attorney Londregan from Frank Morelli RE: Power Outage March 26, 2009—Claim for Damages.

Chairman Weiner noted that he is upset with CL&P because they have not been very cooperative with Peter Vetter Re: power outage on March 26, 2009, that caused extensive damage to the Trumbull Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. Frank Morelli noted that the Purchasing Agent feels we may have a claim for damages against CL&P and added that he did send an email to our Attorney regarding same. It was noted that, to date, we have not heard back from our attorney regarding same. *Chairman Weiner asked Frank Morelli to follow-up with the attorney regarding this matter.*

- (3) 5/6/09 Memo to Frank Morelli from Martin Berliner RE: Revised Budget Water & Sewer  
**Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to authorize Frank Morelli to request Legal to codify amended Water & Sewer budgets into Ordinance form for the Public Hearing on rate reviews. The motion carried unanimously.**

- (4) On-going business of the Authority—5/18/09 Memo to W&WPCA from Frank Morelli: RE: Accomplishments  
Frank Morelli reviewed his report dated May 18, 2009, and answered questions that were raised by the Authority.

There was a brief discussion regarding Pump Station #4. Frank Morelli noted that Tom Kovacs called him today and noted that he was very displeased with the construction management of the Parade Project. Mr. Kovacs informed Mr. Morelli that by the time the pumps are installed the warrantee will be expired. Frank Morelli explained that one of the stipulations of the warrantee is that if the pumps are not installed within 15 months that the warrantee will be voided. Mr. Kovacs noted that we are very close to that situation.

*Chairman Weiner requested the Recording Secretary to draft a memo for his signature to the City Manager expressing the concern of the W&WPCA regarding this issue.*

**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved to receive for the record Items 4.0 (1) through 4.0 (4) and take actions as dictated by the Authority. The motion carried unanimously.**

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5.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

- a) Veolia Monthly Contract Operations Report – Received 5/19/09

Peter Vetter presented his report and answered questions as raised by the Authority. There was a brief discussion regarding purchasing hydrants in bulk. He added we are currently paying \$1,900.00 per hydrant and he may be able to get them for under \$500.00 per hydrant if they purchase in bulk.

Peter Vetter spoke briefly about a backup that occurred on intersection of Parkway North and Glenwood Court. He added that Veolia did call it in to the State as a potential intermittent bypass and noted that they have had no response from the State to date. Peter added that Veolia is planning to do a temporary repair over it and will insert a piece and then pour concrete over the piece to try to seal it but stated that would simply be a “half-fix.” He added that Veolia has discovered other problems in this area as well, and feels we need to get an engineering evaluation of the problems that exist. **Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to authorize Frank Morelli to put out a RFP for our on-call engineers to deal with this issue after Peter Vetter presents Frank Morelli with a full report regarding same. This motion carried unanimously.**

- b) Minutes and Agenda from Waterford Utility Commission  
(1) Agenda – Special Meeting – May 21, 2009 -- Received 5/19/09
- c) Minutes and Agenda from East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission  
(1) Regular Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2009 --- Received 5/19/09  
(2) Meeting Minutes -Public Hearing I – April 29, 2009 – Received 5/19/09
- d) Transfers/Deposits  
(1) 4/15/09 Memo to Donna Rinehart from Frank Morelli RE: Deposit \$191.43 (Calamari Recycling Company, Inc.)
- e) Information List (**Actions as dictated by the Authority—information only**)  
(1) 4/24/09 Memo to Kathryn Willis from Frank Morelli RE: Delinquent Accounts to Legal  
(2) 4/27/09 Letter to Ms. Barbara J. Janssen from Barry J. Weiner RE: Concerns about NL Drinking Water  
(3) 4/27/09 Memo to Brian Estep from Frank Morelli RE: Forbearance Agreement  
(4) 4/27/09 Memo to Brian Estep from Frank Morelli RE: Legal Advice relative to BID Abstract for UNILIVER, Clinton, CT  
(5) 4/28/09 Memo to Martin Berliner from Frank Morelli RE: Revised Proposed Budget for Water & Sewer
- f) Invoices, Bills and Change Orders for Approval or Payment  
(1) Veolia Water: Invoice #7012635 in the amount of \$482,553.00 for June, 2009  
**Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to pay Veolia Water: Invoice #7012635 in the amount of \$482,553.00 for June 2009. The motion carried unanimously.**  
(2) AECOM: Invoice #472841 in the amount of \$1,300.00 (Rehab PS #4, #5, #8, #9)  
**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to pay AECOM: Invoice #472841 in the amount of \$ 1,300.00 (Rehab PS#4, #5, #8, #9). The motion carried unanimously.**  
(3) Karl F. Acimovic: Invoice #J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$698.00 (Dam Repairs and Modifications/Bogue Reservoir Dam)  
**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to pay Karl. F. Acimovic: Invoice #J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$ 698.00 (Dam Repairs and Modifications/Bogue Reservoir Dam. The motion carried unanimously.**

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- (4) Karl F. Acimovic: Invoice # J.N. 03024 in the amount of \$220.00 (Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations)  
**Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to pay Karl. F. Acimovic: Invoice #J.N. 03024 in the amount of \$ 220.00 (Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations). The motion carried unanimously.**
  
- (5) Conway & Londregan, P.C.: Invoice # 37114 in the amount of \$ 465.00 for legal services.  
**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved to pay Conway & Londregan, P.C.: Invoice #37114 in the amount of \$ 465.00. The motion carried unanimously.**
  
- (6) Kovacs Construction Corp.: Invoice Ap. #16 in the amount of \$25,854.13 (Rehab PS 4,5,8,9) – Project 2007-18 – Date of Contract-- September 6, 2007  
**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to pay Kovacs Construction Corp.: Invoice Ap. #16 in the amount of \$ 25,854.13. The motion carried unanimously.**

g) Finance Report

- (1) (a-d) Wachovia Securities – Received
  - (a) Treatment Plant Sinking Fund – Received -- 05/11/09
  - (b) Water Surcharge Account Water Fund ----- 05/11/09
  - (c) Sewer Fund – Received -- ----- 05/11/09
  - (d) Water Fund - Capital Projects – Received 05/11/09
  
- (2) Monthly Water/Sewer Finance Report – Received -----05/11/09

h) Delinquency Report – Provided by Veolia – Received -----5/19/09

**Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved for Veolia to forward the accounts recommended for legal action for May 2009 to the City Attorney. 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) 4/27/09 – Letter to Chris C. Clark, L.S., and Paul Formica, East Lyme’s First Selectman from Barry J. Weiner RE: East Lyme Water Supply and Request to Attend May 28, 2009 W&WPCA meeting. [Handled under Item 2.0]

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) 4/27/09 Letter to Darrell Smith, DPH from James S. Butler, SCCOG RE: Applications of East Lyme and New London for DWSRF Funding
- (2) 04/20/09 Memo to Frank Morelli from Karl Acimovic RE: Project Updates – Barnes & Beckwith Dams and Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations
- (3) 4/28/09 Letter from Mrs. Mavis Krajewski to W&WPCA RE: Request for Refund of \$2.22 (retroactive amount) and Invitation to Attend May 28, 2009 meeting. [Handled under Item 2.0]
- (4) Kovacs Construction Corp., Inc., Change Order #5, Project: Rehabilitation of Pump Stations #4,5,8, and 9, Contract Number 2007-18- Contract Start Date: September 25, 2007  
**Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to accept Kovacs Construction Corp, Inc., Change Order #5, Project: Rehabilitation of Pump Stations #4,5,8, and 9 (\$14,932.56 increase). The motion carried unanimously.**

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(5) 5/14/09 Memo to Frank Morelli from Kathryn Willis RE: New London FOG Program

Kathryn Willis spoke briefly about the FOG Program and noted that this program is designed as the permitting and approval program of the State General Permit for the Discharge of Wastewater Associated with Food Preparation Establishments (FPE's). She stated that this program will be implemented first in a Special FOG Problem Area defined by the W&WPCA as the sewer area for Pump Station #8, and added the intention of Veolia is to roll-out the program City-wide over the next 12 months so that all FPE's are in compliance with the General Permit before the State's deadline of July 1, 2011. Kathryn explained that Veolia would be sitting with restaurant owners assisting them with the permit process line by line. Kathryn noted that she is looking for approval from the W&WPCA to implement the program, as well as the proposed FOG Ordinance. Chairman Weiner noted that he read the information provided by Veolia and was very impressed with the program. Chairman Weiner noted that since we will be holding a Public Hearing regarding the proposed rate increases, we could tie all of this together. **Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved to accept this pilot program and Veolia's implementation schedule and also forward to the City Attorney for review as soon as possible so we can include the proposed FOG Ordinance in the Public Hearing regarding the increase in rates. The motion carried unanimously.**

Bob Grills requested that Veolia give the W&WPCA a presentation of what they will present to the restaurant owners. Kathryn noted that she will make a note of same and as soon as the inspectors feel confident she will schedule a date. Chairman Weiner suggested that she make it an open informational meeting and requested that Veolia publish it in the newspaper so the public can attend.

**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to add to the agenda Item 7.0(6) RE: Line Stop Equipment. The motion carried unanimously.**

Frank Morelli informed the Authority that at the February 26, 2009, meeting of the W&WPCA, the Authority approved the purchase of line stopping equipment based on a quotation to Veolia from Jason Baldauf, Hydra-Stop---Quotation #52989. He added that Public Utilities was notified by the purchasing agent that this item needed to go out to bid for procurement. While researching like equipment for the bidding process the office found a similar product by Advanced Valve Technologies that actually installs an AWWA approved valve instead of a line stop. The cost of the equipment is \$46,969.00 an additional \$14,793.00 over the quote provided by Hydra-Stop. Mr. Morelli noted that in addition to installing an AWWA valve the Advanced Valve Technologies equipment significantly reduces customer service disruption and actual installation time. Mr. Morelli and Peter Vetter both agreed that based on the benefits described that the approval of the Advanced Valve Technologies equipment be authorized instead of the purchase of the Hydra-Stop equipment as it is a superior technology and equipment.

**Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to authorize Frank Morelli to bid out this equipment so that we can get it on hand and start utilizing the benefits of it. The motion carried unanimously.** Evelyn Louziotis abstained from voting on this motion.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to adjourn the May 28, 2009, meeting at 9:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the W&WPCA will be Thursday, June 25, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard R. Martin Center, Senior Center Library, 120 Broad Street (rear), New London, CT. Peter Vetter noted that he will not be present at the next meeting but Kathryn Willis will be attending the meeting.

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

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

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

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**Distribution:**

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