

MINUTES OF THE WATER AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting, June 25, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Water and Water Pollution Control Authority began at 7:00 P.M. on the 25th day of June, 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
Mario Strafacci
Evelyn Louziotis

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Berliner, City Manager
Frank Morelli, Public Utilities Administrator
Kathryn Willis, Veolia Water
Andy LoRe, Veolia Water
Lorraine & Anthony Basilica
Pelayo Porras
Joseph Centofanti, CPA (Kostin, Ruffkess & Company, LLC)
Ed Wenke, P.E.
Lee Watrous
Salvatore Triano, P.E. (Crossland Engineering, PLLC)
Marianna Gaynor McGuirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Wade Hyslop, Council Liaison
Richard Kotecki
Robert Grills

1.0 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Barry Weiner called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was present. Chairman Weiner welcomed City Manager Berliner and thanked him and the other guests for coming.

2.0 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Lorraine & Anthony Basilica, 60 Fitch Avenue, New London, CT were present to discuss their concerns over the proposed building of two houses being built by Habitat for Humanity. They presented the Authority with a Fitch Avenue Neighborhood Group petition which reads as follows: "We, the citizens of the city of New London, petition the city to stop the project to build two Habitat for Humanity houses which are being planned for the north end of Fitch Ave. The land is a toxic "brown field" which contains arsenic, lead and other contaminants. Our concerns include: size of lot, airborne toxic dust, **existing water/sewer problems**, traffic & previous car accidents near and/or on the proposed building site." Mrs. Basilica also read a letter from neighbor Mamie Ashford, 3 Norwood Avenue, New London, CT expressing her concerns regarding the proposed project.

Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Brian Thompson, it was moved to take Item 7.0(1) to the table. The motion carried unanimously.

Pelayo Porras and his daughter were present to discuss their concerns over receiving a very high bill from Veolia due to a leak at their property at 78 Waller Street, New London, CT. After discussion, Chairman Weiner recommended that since the ratepayer still has a leak that he needs to get a plumber, find the leak, fix the leak, and then come back to the Authority with documentation that the leak has been fixed. Chairman Weiner added that after the Authority receives said documentation, it might be possible for the Authority to help by adjusting the sewer portion of the bill.

In the meantime, Chairman Weiner requested that Veolia work out a time with the homeowner to enter the premises to re-test the toilets, etc. Also, he requested that Veolia do weekly reads so that we can get an idea of what his normal consumption is. Chairman Weiner added that the issue should be revisited next month with any findings that Veolia may have. Bryon Thompson also requested that Veolia bring past bills next month.

Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Mario Strafacci, it was moved to table 7.0(1) pending additional information and research to be presented at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to take Item 7.0(3) to the table. The motion carried unanimously.

Lee Watrous from Habitat for Humanity and Ed Wenke, P.E. were present to discuss sewer extension plans for Lots 1 and 2--Fitch Avenue, New London, CT and request approval regarding same. They showed plans to the Authority and described what their plans were for the project. After a lengthy discussion, Bryon Thompson suggested we table the matter pending additional input from Veolia and Mr. Morelli. **Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Barry Weiner, it was moved to table discussion until next month's meeting (July 23, 2009) pending additional input from our contract operator and home staff. The vote was as follows:**

YEA - Thompson & Weiner
NAY - Louziotis & Strafaci

Brian Thompson noted that he thought the rules we operate under allow the Chairman's voting only to break a tie- Chairman Weiner noted that Bryon Thompson was correct therefore MOTION FAILED 2-1. The item was not tabled.

Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to DENY request of Habitat for Humanity for sewer extension plan as presented. The vote was as follows:

YEA – Louziotis & Strafaci
NAY - Thompson

MOTION PASSES 2-1

Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to take Item 7.0(5) to the table. The motion carried unanimously.

Salvatore J. Triano, P.E., Crossland Engineering, PLLC, 98 Cross Road, Holmes, NY 12531 was present on behalf of Stephen Hendel, 248 Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT seeking a waiver in the type of material permitted to make a domestic water connection to the public water supply at 248 Great Neck Road in Waterford, CT. He displayed the materials he requested to use instead of Type K copper. There were many concerns expressed by Authority members and after a lengthy discussion **a motion was made by Mario Strafaci, seconded by Bryon Thompson to accept waiver in this one case with conditions as follows:**

- **Case by Case non-precedent event because of special circumstances i.e. length of run, part-time use of residence, and the guarantee that the installation and backfilling will be supervised and signed off by the homeowners engineer with a full report to the board. Kathryn Willis added that a stipulation be included noting that the entire installation is after the meter. This motion carried unanimously.**

Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to take Item 6.0.(1) to the table. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Joseph Centofanti, CPA from Kostin, Ruffkess & Company, LLC, Farmington, CT was present to hear the concerns of the W&WPCA and to determine exactly what the board would like from his firm. Mario Strafaci read the Request for Proposal that the board submitted to the City Manager. Chairman Weiner added that the Authority has an on-going concern and he wants to know if the W&WPCA is solvent or drowning and would like more specifics. He added that he would like to know how much money is in each line and if projects are on track. Chairman Weiner added that Mr. Centofanti's company came highly recommended and the W&WPCA is looking forward to doing business with the firm. Chairman Weiner noted that he doesn't care if you call it an audit, or what you call it, but the board wants to ensure that we are operating properly according to statute, that accounts have been dutifully handled, bills have been paid appropriately, and our accounts have been maintained, and monies received are going into the correct account. Mr. Centofanti noted that he understands that the board wants to take comfort in knowing that everything is happening the way it should be happening. Chairman Weiner exchanged phone numbers with Mr. Centofanti in case he needs to reach him with questions.

Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved that the project that we are requiring should be given to Kostin, Ruffkess & Company, LLC. This motion carried unanimously.

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3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(1) May 28, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Accepted

Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to accept the May 28, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes. This motion carried unanimously.

4.0 FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AUTHORITY:

- (1) Tabled Agenda Items (n/a)
- (2) 6/9/09 Letter to Neftali Soto from Frank Morelli RE: Past Due Invoice
Frank Morelli noted that he spoke with Neftali Soto and Mr. Soto stated a check was in the mail for \$381,969.60 (part of the balance due) and the WUC is channeling all efforts to insure that the remaining amount due is paid before the closing of FY 08-09.
- (3) 6/1/09 Communication from Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC (Information Only)
- (4) 6/2/09 Memo to Martin Berliner from Brian Estep RE: W&WPCA Outside Audit
- (5) On-going business of the Authority—6/15/09 Memo to W&WPCA from Frank Morelli: RE: Accomplishments
Frank Morelli did not review his entire report but entertained questions as posed by the Authority. Bryon Thompson noted that he was at Gallows Lane the other day and the tank looked wonderful; however, the grass was at least 3 feet tall. *Andy LoRe, Veolia, noted that he would make a note and check into this.*

Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to receive for the record Items 4.0 (1) through 4.0 (5) and take actions as dictated by the Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

At this point, Mario Strafaci noted that he would have to leave the meeting soon and the Chairman agreed to move items out of order, as Mario would constitute a quorum for voting purposes. The Chair moved directly to 5.1(f) – Invoices, Bills and Change Orders for Approval or Payment.

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 6/16/09

Chairman Weiner noted that at this point in time, our quorum has left (8:45 p.m.) and we are now having an informational presentation by Veolia. Kathryn reviewed the report and entertained questions as rose by the Authority. Kathryn also noted that the Consumer Confidence Report was ready and would be mailed as stuffer with the July bills. Kathryn requested that Andy LoRe present and answer questions RE: Electrical Outage, Pump Station No. 2 Pequot Avenue, New London, CT -- June 5 – 7 2009 Report. Mr. LoRe gave an update on issues pertaining to power outage and answered questions as raised by the Authority.

Chairman Weiner questioned the City Manager about PS#4. Bryon Thompson again reiterated his concern that the warrantee for the pumps will be up before the pumps are installed. Frank Morelli noted that he went to a meeting two weeks ago and there is a plan to move forward and everything was acceptable to both parties. Chairman Weiner requested that Frank Morelli call Kovacs to inform them that the W&WPCA is very worried about the warrantee on pumps and added “we don’t want to get left holding the bag.”

Bryon also questioned status of PS#2. Frank Morelli noted that everything was ordered and he and Marianna would be reviewing purchase orders tomorrow since we are approaching the new fiscal year.

Chairman Weiner noted that the record should show that the informational portion of the meeting concluded at 9:15 p.m. and the action part of the meeting was concluded when Mr. Strafaci left at 8:45 p.m. There were no votes or formal business conducted after Mr. Strafaci left.

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- b) Minutes and Agenda from Waterford Utility Commission
1. Meeting Minutes– Special Meeting – May 21, 2009 -- Received 5/19/09
 2. Meeting Agenda – Special Meeting – June 15, 2009 --- Received 6/12/09
- c) Minutes and Agenda from East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission
- (1) Regular Meeting Minutes –May 26, 2009--- Received 6/15/09
- 6 Transfers/Deposits
- (1) 5/27/09 Deposit to City Treasurer from Frank Morelli RE: Town of East Lyme
- e) Information List (**Actions as dictated by the Authority—information only**)
- (1) 6/3/09 Letter to Martin Berliner from Barry J. Weiner RE: Pump Station #4
 - (2) 5/29/09 Memo to Brian Estep from Frank Morelli RE: Communication from Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC regarding Firewood Contract
 - (3) 5/29/09 Memo to Brian Estep from Frank Morelli RE: Traver – VFD’s – March 26, 2009 Power Failure
 - (4) 6/1/09 Memo to Brian Estep from Frank Morelli RE: New London FOG Program
- f) Invoices, Bills and Change Orders for Approval or Payment
- (1) Veolia Water: Invoice #7012796 in the amount of \$482,553.00 for July, 2009
Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Veolia Water: Invoice #7012796 in the amount of \$482,553.00 for July 2009. The motion carried unanimously.
 - (2) Karl F. Acimovic: Invoice #J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$1,212.00 (Dam Repairs and Modification/Bogue Reservoir Dam) for services April 1, 2009 – April 30, 2009.
Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to pay Karl F. Acimovic: Invoice #J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$1,212.00 (Dam Repairs and Modification/Bogue Reservoir Dam) for services April 1, 2009 – April 30, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.
 - (3) Karl F. Acimovic: Invoice # J.N. 03024 in the amount of \$90.00 (Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations) for services April 1, 2009 – April 30, 2009.
Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to pay Karl F. Acimovic: Invoice # J.N. 03024 in the amount of \$90.00 (Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations) for services April 1,2009 – April 30, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.
 - (4) Conway & Londregan, P.C.: Invoice # 37317 in the amount of \$ 420.00 (for May 2009)
Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Conway & Londregan, P.C.: Invoice # 37317 in the amount of \$ 420.00 (for May 2009). The motion carried unanimously.
 - (5) Karl F. Acimovic: Invoice # J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$580.00 (Dam Repairs and Modifications/Bogue Reservoir Dam) for services May 1, 2009 – May 31, 2009.
Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to pay Karl F. Acimovic: Invoice # J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$580.00 (Dam Repairs and Modifications/Bogue Reservoir Dam) for services May 1, 2009 – May 31, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.
 - (6) Kovacs Construction Corp.: Invoice -Application #17 in the amount of \$83,005.24 (Rehab of PS 4,5,8,9) Project – F2505 – Date of Contract: 9/6/07
Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Kovacs Construction Corp.: Invoice -Application #17 in the amount of \$83,005.24 (Rehab of PS 4,5,8,9) Project – F2505 – Date of Contract: 9/6/07. The motion carried unanimously.
 - (7) Sungard Public Sector: Invoice #889999 in the amount of \$1,600.00 for billable support – March 19, 2009.
Upon motion of Bryon Thompson (telephone poll), seconded by Barry Weiner it was moved to pay Sungard Public Sector: Invoice #889999 in the amount of \$1,600.00 for billable support – March 19, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.
- g) Finance Report
- (a-d) Wachovia Securities – Received

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- (a) Treatment Plant Sinking Fund – Received – 6/8/09

- (b) Water Surcharge Account Water Fund ----- 6/8/09
- (c) Sewer Fund – Received -- ----- 6/8/09
- (d) Water Fund - Capital Projects – Received 6/8/09

(2) Monthly Water/Sewer Finance Report – Received ----- 6/10//09

h) Delinquency Report – Provided by Veolia – Received -----6/16/09

Upon motion of Bryon Thompson (telephone poll), seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved for Veolia to forward the accounts recommended for legal action for June, 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) 6/8/09 Letter to Mr. Joseph Centofanti, CPA, Kostin, Ruffkess & Company, LLC from Frank Morelli RE: Invitation to Attend June 25, 2009 meeting of the W&WPCA [Handled under Item 2.0 Citizen Participation]
- 2) Recommendations of W&WPCA subcommittee RE: Applicants for W&WPCA Community Fund Grant
Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to approve the grants as submitted by the sub-committee. The motion carried unanimously. The City Manager noted that he would let Kathryn know what date the next Council meeting would be. He added that it would be either July 6 or July 7 and Chairman Weiner noted that he was available on either of those nights.
- 3) 6/13/09 Memo to W&WPCA Members from Frank Morelli RE: Draft Ordinance for Rate Increase and FOG Program
Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Barry Weiner, it was moved that the recommended Draft Ordinance be approved subject to reconciliation with the Council study and then to proceed with the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 1) 5/22/09 Letter from Mr. Pelayo Porras to W&WPCA RE: Request for Refund and Invitation to Attend June 25, 2009 meeting. [Handled under Item 2.0 Citizen Participation]
- 2) 6/9/09 Memo to W& WPCA Members from Frank Morelli RE: Leak at Bogue Dam (Quote)
Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to approve repair quote for leak at Bogue Dam. (\$ 1,975.00 – Bogue Reservoir – Temporary Repair – Shoreline Diving Services)
- 3) 6/16/09 Letter to W&WPCA from Lee Watrous, Habitat for Humanity of SECT RE: Sewer Extension Plans plus Letter of Invitation to Mr. Watrous to attend June 25, 2009 W&WPCA meeting. [Handled under Item 2.0 Citizen Participation]
- 4) 6/16/09 Memo to W&WPCA from Frank Morelli RE: Great Swamp Diversion
Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to approve the submittal by Veolia for repair of the pumping scheme at Great Swamp diversion. (Traver IDC for new Pump Control Panel for the Lake (\$5,350.00) and Modular Dream Homes LLC -- Repair to roof (\$625.00). The motion carried unanimously.
- 5) 6/16/09 Memo to Frank Morelli from Salvatore J. Triano, P.E., Crossland Engineering, PLLC RE: Stephen Hendel – Waiver Request – 248 Great Neck Rd., Waterford, CT [Handled under Item 2.0 Citizen Participation]

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Bryon Thompson, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved to adjourn the June 25, 2009, meeting at 9:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the W&WPCA will be Thursday, July 23, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard R. Martin Center, Senior Center Library, 120 Broad Street (rear), New London, CT.

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ATTEST TO BY: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

Distribution:

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Bryon Thompson, Vice-Chairman (via next month's Agenda)
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