

MINUTES OF THE WATER & WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting, September 24, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Water and Water Pollution Control Authority began at 7:00 P.M. on the 24th of September, 2009, in the Richard R. Martin Center, Senior Citizen Center Library, 120 Broad Street (Rear), New London, CT.

PRESENT: Barry J. Weiner, Chairman
Mario Strafaci
Evelyn Louziotis
Robert Grills
Glen Hamler
Gregory Dzikczek

ALSO PRESENT: Bryon Thompson (former Vice-Chairman)
Peter Vetter, Veolia Water
Kathryn Willis, Veolia Water
Michael Buscetto, Jr.

ABSENT: Wade Hyslop, Council Liaison

1.0 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairman Weiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The secretary called the roll. A quorum was present. Chairman Weiner welcomed guests and thanked them for attending this evening. He particularly wanted to thank former Vice-Chairman Thompson for attending.

2.0 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to take Item 4.0(1)a to the floor. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michael Buscetto, Jr., 11 Harbor Lane, New London, CT was present to request relief on two bills that he received for vacant properties that he owns in New London. After discussion, *upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to grant relief on the sewer portion of the bills due to the fact that the water was not returned to the system. This relief was granted based on the fact that the remaining portion of the bills will be paid. This motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Weiner requested Kathryn Willis to recalculate the bills and send them out accordingly.

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(1) September 3, 2009 – Special Meeting Minutes – Accepted

Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Glen Hamler, it was moved to accept the September 3, 2009 – Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4.0 FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AUTHORITY:

(1) Tabled Agenda Items

(a) 7/27/09 Request from Bridgit Buscetto for abatement on bills for 636 Montauk Avenue and 94 Blinman Street
Tabled from the September 3, 2009 meeting] (Handled under 2.0)

(2) 9/12/09 Email to Joseph Lanzafame from Dennis Setzko (AECOM) RE: New London Station #4 Alarm Panel Relocation PCO

Chairman Weiner noted that Joe Lanzafame (MWH) had a prior commitment and could not attend the meeting this evening. There was a discussion relative to the email regarding New London Station 4 Alarm Panel Relocation PCO. After discussion, *upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to receive this document for the record and refer to our consultant, Joe Lanzafame (MWH), to follow through to make sure things have been properly done, and that this bill/change order that we are about incur is the responsibility of the City because they are the ones that delayed the project. This motion carried unanimously.*

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- (3) 8/27/09 Memo to Barry Weiner from Attorney Tom Londregan RE: EPA
Chairman Weiner informed the members that our sanitary sewer system is not tied into the storm system so the situation that occurred in Portsmouth, NH, while interesting, does not have an impact on us. Chairman Weiner also informed Attorney Londregan that we are working diligently on our I/I so when we do have rain and storm events the flows are a bit more handled.
- (4) 9/4/09 Letter to Dennis Setzko (AECOM) from Thomas Kovacs RE: City of New London, Rehabilitation of Pumping Station #4, Contract No. 2007-18
There was a brief discussion relative to the letter to Dennis Setzko from Thomas Kovacs Re: Pump Station #4. *Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to receive for the record and forward to our consultant, Joe Lanzafame, (MWH) for review. The motion carried unanimously.*
- (5) Thank you note from Barbara Kotecki & Family for Floral Arrangement
- (6) 9/9/09 Memo to Barry Weiner from Brian Estep RE: Daniel Smith, 127 Jefferson Avenue, New London, CT
- (7) 9/11/09 Letter to Paul Formica, First Selectman, Town of East Lyme from Barry Weiner RE: East Lyme Water Supply
- (8) 9/9/09 Memo to Barry Weiner from Brian Estep RE: Lavoie, Kenneth v. City of New London Water, et al (File #21556; and East Lyme Interconnection Water Project (File #21685)
- (9) Resource Materials Use Agreement for The New London/East Lyme Water Interconnection Project (Signed) *Upon motion of Glen Hamler, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, 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**

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

(a) Veolia Monthly Contract Operations Report – Received September 16, 2009
Peter Vetter reviewed the Veolia report and answered questions as raised by the Authority. Mr. Vetter noted that the primary generator troubleshooting continued this month with progress made but potential design flaws have been identified. There was discussion relative to same, and it was noted that Malcolm Pirnie was the engineer that did the original design and it was Square D equipment; however, it was noted that Square D did not do the installation. Bryon Thompson expressed his concern relative to the design flaw and Chairman Weiner asked that Joe Lanzafame (MWH) review the original Scope of Services to ensure that the job was done correctly.

There was a brief discussion relative to clearing of brush and Bryon Thompson noted that when he traveled by Lake Konomoc that he noticed brush on the front fence. Peter Vetter noted that he would check into that the next day.

Peter Vetter noted that Lake Konomoc is at 74%. He also noted that he does not know if Beckwith Pump Station is being run continuously but added he doesn't believe it is. He noted that he is still waiting for communication controls for the Lake. Chairman Weiner requested that Marianna relay this message to Joe Lanzafame.

There was a brief discussion relative to lost water and Consent Order relative to same. Peter Vetter noted that currently the Consent Order, which was negotiated by the City, is 10% lost water. Chairman Weiner noted that he believes the regulations of the State are higher than 10%. Chairman Weiner also noted that he has spoken with Joe Lanzafame (MWH) relative to trying to re-negotiate the 10%, as it is almost unattainable.

There was a brief discussion relative to fire hydrant damage at Millstone Nuclear Power Plant and Bryon Thompson noted that representatives of Millstone should not be operating our hydrants. Chairman Weiner requested that Kathryn Willis send a letter informing them of our Fire Hydrant Policy.

Peter Vetter noted that the New London Fire Department (NLFD) had identified a damaged hydrant at Fort Trumbull during their exercises and Veolia repaired same. Bryon Thompson suggested we inform the NLFD that we are

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having a problem with unaccountable water, and it would be helpful to us if they would let us know when they are training. Chairman Weiner noted that he is sure that they would be happy to cooperate. The Recording Secretary will contact Chief Samul with this request.

Peter Vetter noted that Terry Tobel (MWH) has informed Veolia that he would like to see a better breakdown of maintenance in their monthly report. Peter noted that he is currently developing a new format, and he should be able to provide us with that information next month.

There was a brief discussion relative to the transition to Chelsea Bank. Kathryn noted that Veolia is pleased with Chelsea thus far and stated that they have been very easy to work with. Chairman Weiner credited Mario Strafaci with his persistence in making this happen.

There was a discussion relative to a fire hydrant on Howard Street that is "out of service." Peter noted that he spoke with Joe Lanzafame (MWH) relative to same, and it was the opinion of Mr. Lanzafame that due to the fact that it was close to an office building, and there was a good distance between this hydrant and any other, that Veolia replace the hydrant. *Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Glen Hamler, it was moved to authorize Veolia to proceed with of a "Hot Tap" and the installation of the main to get that fire hydrant on Howard Street back on line. The motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Weiner noted he is very concerned when fire hydrants aren't working

There was a brief discussion relative to a Collections Report that Mario would like Veolia to provide to the Authority. Mario noted that he wants to see Amount Collected versus Amount Billed so Veolia can calculate what our collection percentage is. Peter Vetter suggested that Kathryn provide the Authority with the report using the Housing Authority in one scenario and leaving them out in the second. Mario gave an example of what he was looking for and stated, "If we billed 4 million dollars for the year and only collected 3.5 million – I am not sure what the percentage would be, but the collection rate would not be 100%." He noted that he would like to see this report quarterly.

- (b) Minutes and Agenda from Waterford Utility Commission
 - (1) Regular Meeting Agenda – September 14, 2009 -- Received September 11, 2009
 - (2) Regular Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2009 – Received August 24, 2009
- (c) Minutes and Agenda from East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission
 - (1) Regular Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2009--- Received August 31, 2009
- (d) Transfers/Deposits
 - (1) 8/31/09 Deposit Check #000389296 in the amount of \$777,362.48 (Town of Waterford)
 - (2) 9/4/09 Memo to James Lathrop from Martin Berliner RE: Request for Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$78,400.00 (for corrective maintenance)
- (e) Information List (**Actions as dictated by the Authority—information only**)
 - (1) 9/9/09 Email to Mr. Thomas Bivona from Marianna McGuirk RE: Invitation to the October 22, 2009 meeting of the W&WPCA (as requested by the Authority at the 9/3/09 meeting)
 - (2) 9/11/09 Letter to Mr. Mark Miceli, Birk Manufacturing, Inc. from Barry Weiner RE: Permit Renewal Application for the Discharge of Pretreated Metal Finishing Wastewaters
- (f) Invoices, Bills and Change Orders for Approval or Payment
 - (1) Veolia Water: Invoice #7013279 in the amount of \$482,553.00 for October, 2009
Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Veolia Water: Invoice #7013279 in the amount of \$482,553.00 for October 2009. This motion carried unanimously.
 - (2) Conway & Londregan, P.C.: Invoice #38071 in the amount of \$ 1,575.00 (for August 2009)
Upon motion of Glen Hamler, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Conway & Londregan, P.C.: Invoice #38071 in the amount of \$ 1,575.00 (for August 2009). This motion carried unanimously.
 - (3) Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice # J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$322.00 for Dam Repairs and Modifications (Barnes, Beckwith & Bogue Reservoir Dams)
Upon motion of Glen Hamler, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved to pay Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice #J.N. 99009 in the amount of \$322.00 for Dam Repairs and Modifications (Barnes, Beckwith & Bogue Reservoir Dams). This motion carried unanimously.

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- (4) Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice J.N. 03024 in the amount of \$130.00 for Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations)
Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Karl F. Acimovic, P.E.: Invoice #J.N. 03024 in the amount of \$130.00 for Lake Konomoc Gravel Excavations. This motion carried unanimously. Chairman Weiner requested that Marianna ensure that we have a signed copy of the agreement with B&L Construction, Inc. on file in the office.
- (5) Veolia Water: Invoice # 7013384 in the amount of \$5600.00 for 6” water main on Fourth Street North on 9/19/09
Upon motion of Gregory Dziczek, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to pay Veolia Water: Invoice #7013384 in the amount of \$5600.00 for 6” water main on Fourth Street North on 9/19/09. This motion carried unanimously.
- (6) Veolia Water: Invoice #7013385 in the amount of \$5600.00 for 6” water main on Lower Blvd on 9/19/09
Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Veolia Water: Invoice #7013385 in the amount of \$5600.00 for 6” water main on Lower Blvd on 9/19/09. This motion carried unanimously
- (7) Veolia Water: Invoice #7013387 in the amount of \$4,002.50 for hydrant replacement on Rt 32 and Maple Road on 5/16/09
Upon motion of Glen Hamler, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Veolia Water: Invoice #7013387 in the amount of \$4,002.50 for hydrant replacement on Rt 32 and Maple Road on 5/16/09 upon receipt of the check from Veolia covering insurance reimbursement. This motion carried unanimously.
- (8) Veolia Water: Invoice #7013386 in the amount of \$2,225.00 for hydrant repair on Myrock Avenue on 4/23/09
Upon motion of Glen Hamler, seconded by Mario Strafaci, it was moved to pay Veolia Water: Invoice #7013386 in the amount of \$2,225.00 for hydrant repair on Myrock Avenue on 4/23/09 upon receipt of the check from Veolia covering insurance reimbursement. This motion carried unanimously.

(g) Finance Report

- (1) (a-d) Wells Fargo – Received
 - (a) Treatment Plant Sinking Fund – Received – 9/11/09
 - (b) Water Surcharge Account Water Fund ----- 9/11/09
 - (c) Sewer Fund – Received -- ----- 9/11/09
 - (d) Water Fund - Capital Projects – Received 9/11/09
- (2) Monthly Water/Sewer Finance Report – Received----- 9/15/09
- (3) Account Balance List – Water & Sewer – Received ---- 9/15/09

(h) Delinquency Report – Provided by Veolia – Received ----- 9/16/09

Upon motion of Mario Strafaci, seconded by Gregory Dziczek, it was moved for Veolia to forward the accounts recommended for legal action 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**

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) 9/9/09 Memo to Michael Tranchida from Martin Berliner RE: Water/Water Pollution Control Authority Appointees
Chairman Weiner welcomed new members Glen Hamler and Gregory Dziczek to the W&WPCA.
- (2) 8/21/09 Email from Hector Hernandez to Marianna RE: Jacqueline Torres (water bill)
Chairman Weiner noted that Jacqueline Torres was not present at the meeting. *Upon motion of Glen Hamler, seconded by Evelyn Louziotis, it was moved to table Item 7.0(2) until the October 22, 2009 meeting and Chairman Weiner requested that Marianna contact Ms. Torres by mail to inform her that she must be present at the meeting for the Authority to entertain her request. This motion carried unanimously.*

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*Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Glen Hamler, it was moved to add to the agenda **Item 7.0(3)** consideration of the FOG Ordinance based on the Public Hearing that was held on 9/23/09. This motion carried unanimously.*

Chairman Weiner noted that the FOG Ordinance is very important and needs to be implemented, as this is a regulatory requirement coming down from the Federal and State Government. He added if we enact this now, we could avoid potential oversight and other problems. Also, the proposed ordinance is in the City's best interest in that it allows enforcement of existing ordinances now on the books that are designed to protect our sewer infrastructure as well as the treatment plant. He added that we currently face high exposure due to sewer backups that are a result of grease slugs in the sewer pipes. He also noted for the record that large amounts of money in claims as a result of sewer problems have been paid out and that this ordinance will address and help us correct this problem.

After discussion relative to Item 7.0(3) Chairman Weiner noted that he would like to recommend that the FOG ordinance, as presented at the September 23, 2009, Public Hearing, be sent to City Council for their approval. Upon motion of Mario Strafacci, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to recommend that the FOG ordinance presented at the September 23, 2009, Public Hearing be sent to City Council seeking their approval of same. This motion carried unanimously.

*Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Mario Strafacci, it was moved to add to the agenda **Item 7.0(4)** consideration for the proposed rate increases based on the Public Hearing that was held on 9/23/09. This motion carried unanimously.*

Chairman Weiner noted that we have had much discussion relative to the proposed rate increases over the past few months, and, at this time, we have to ensure that we have the revenues to keep the infrastructure going. *Upon motion of Mario Strafacci, seconded by Glen Hamler, it was moved to recommend to City Council that the rates be revised as advertised in The Day and presented at the Public Hearing that was held on September 23, 2009. Vote: All in favor: Weiner, Strafacci, Grills, Hamler, & Dzikczek. One abstention: Louziotis) Motion Carried..*

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to adjourn the September 24, 2009, meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the W&WPCA will be Thursday, October 22, 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: _____

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