

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

**ESSEX TOWN HALL
June 15, 2015 5:00PM**

The Essex Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting was held on Monday, June 15, 2015. In attendance were Chair Susan Malan, Robert VanHouten, Leigh Rankin (5:06pm Arrival), Ken Bombaci and Al Wolfgram. Also in attendance were Lisa Fasulo, Director of Health and Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Board. Absent: Mark Reeves and Randel Osborne

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malan at 5:03pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bombaci and seconded by Mr. Wolfgram the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mr. VanHouten and seconded by Ms. Malan the Water Pollution Control Authority **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2015 and the May 18, 2015 meeting as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 1045: An Act Concerning Municipal Plans of Conservation and Development (PoCD)

Senate Bill 1045 states that towns must address their plan for Wastewater Management by providing a statement of areas in town that might be addressed. We have four areas of concentration that should be addressed. The response for the Essex PoCD was discussed. Mr. Wolfgram would like to revise our 1998 Facilities/Wastewater Management Plan which was approved by the WPCA. He suggested that we not put a statement in the Essex PoCD that is speculative at this time. Mr. Bombaci agrees. Ms. Malan would like to include our current plan and what we plan to do with the sinking fund money in the statement for the Essex PoCD. Discussion ensued. Ms. Rankin is concerned that the sinking funds may be needed elsewhere in our town and could be used for something other than a Wastewater Management Plan. Ms. Rankin feels that there is a shift in the Authority's opinion of where we want to go with our Plan. She feels that we have been practicing sewer avoidance, but now seem to be considering other options. Mr. Bombaci stated that we have fewer businesses in our villages than in previous years. He is against putting a small system in the village of Essex. Ms. Rankin wants to know what needs to be updated in the 1998 Facilities/Wastewater Management Plan. Ms. Malan would like to be proactive rather than reactive in the event DEEP mandates we update our Plan. Ms. Rankin would like the wording to say that we are in the process of updating our Facilities Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Wolfgram would like the statement to say we consider our plan to be sewer avoidance.

Mr. VanHouten discussed how the Authority can help to keep our quaint village. Zoning is responsible for limiting what types of businesses can come into a town. Ms. Rankin noted that she is concerned that this Authority could make a decision for a Plan which may be costly for the town and the residents. Ms. Malan suggested that members read the Plan of Conversation and Development. Ms. Malan also stated that the BOS, the Board of Finance, the Zoning Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Economic Development Commission had presentations from WPCA over the past few years with regard to updating of the Facilities Management Plan and the estimated costs

associated with updating the Plan. This was the background work that lead to the approval of the current funding in the WPCA sinking fund.

MOTION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Rankin and seconded by Robert VanHouten the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously VOTED that the statement for the PoCD will state that we currently have a sewer avoidance plan in place, and that we are in the process of looking into updating the Facilities Management Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Facilities/Wastewater Management Plan, DEEP Clean Water Fund – Sinking Fund-
See “New Business” Above

Update on Ivoryton “community system” status

The former “community system” in Ivoryton has been disbanded. Three of the four buildings previously connected to the “community septic system” have installed their own individual on-site septic systems at 126 Main St., 109 Main St., and 107 Main St., Ivoryton. Currently, only the Ivoryton Inn, located at 115 Main St., is connected to the old septic system. The owner of 115 Main St. has hired a Professional Engineer to design a new large septic system to be located across the street at 126 Main St. The Essex Health Dept and CT Department of Public Health have not yet received final septic system design plans.

Discussion about East Haddam Plant Tour

Ms. Malan discussed the trip to the plant. The Authority had various questions which she answered. She also provided the Authority with the specs that East Haddam provided about their plant

REPORT – LISA FASULO, HEALTH DIRECTOR

We continue to send pump out cards to residents who are due or past due.

Groundwater sampling along Main St., Essex continues. Sampling is required by the 1998 Essex Wastewater Management Study and the Essex WPCA. Sampling from along Main St. provides a quantitative measure of groundwater quality in Essex Village.

REVIEW OPERATING STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT

The Authority discussed the reports.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 6:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelley S. Frazier
Water Pollution Control Authority Secretary