

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
ESSEX TOWN HALL 4:30PM**

The Essex Water Pollution Control Authority meeting was held on Monday, September 17, 2012. In attendance were Mark Reeves (4:39pm), Robert VanHouten, Chairman Susan Malan, Randel Osborne, Ken Bombaci, Leigh Rankin (4:36pm) and Al Wolfgram. Also in attendance were Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Board and Lisa Fasulo, Health Director. David Caroline, Director of Public Works, Ken Bombaci, Ken Barry Absent: Al Wolfgram

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Malan at 4:32pm.

Ms. Malan introduced Ken Bombaci as the new alternate to the Water Pollution Control Authority.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Randel Osborne and seconded by Mark Reeves the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Randel Osborne and seconded by Robert VanHouten, the Water Pollution Control Authority **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2012 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Ms. Malan gave an update for Waste Water Management at the First Selectman's luncheon held for the Committee Chairperson's last week.

She noted that the WPCA has been invited to tour the East Haddam village plant to see how it operates. A date will be announced in the future.

Facilities/Wastewater Management Plan – Lisa Fasulo

Ms. Malan gave a brief update for meeting attendees as to the process and background of Waste Water Management Plan.

Pump Out Notices - Carmody

Ms. Fasulo briefly discussed the ordinance to have residents pump out their septic systems every 5 years. She noted that since she has started the reeducation campaign, the pumpers have been updating more regularly. She has received two phone calls from pumpers who are concerned that they may be charged for delinquent residents. This is not the case. Homeowners are responsible for past due charges.

Cesspool – 2018 Deadline

The ordinance states that Cesspools will not be allowed after 2018. There are less than twenty in town. Ms. Fasulo has asked residents to contact her to get the information to have the septic systems replaced. There will be a notification process well in advance of 2018 to assist and guide residents through the upgrading process.

Staffing

Ms. Fasulo is trying to get four more hours a week for her Administrative Assistant.

REPORT – DAVID CAROLINE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Mr. Caroline noted that with the rain event coming tomorrow he will be testing the water at the garage facilities.

REPORT – LISA FASULO, HEALTH DIRECTOR

No other report.

REVIEW OPERATING STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT

No questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Robert VanHouten-Ivoryton-Wastewater Management Research and Findings

Mr. VanHouten discussed the report (attached) he wrote regarding the Wastewater Management Overview in Ivoryton. He noted that testing indicates that the ground water is not being polluted. The shared system in Ivoryton does not have a formal agreement and was built in the 1960's. There has been no issue with the property owners working together to address payment of bills. DEEP will get involved if any of these properties are sold. *Kelly, please attach Bob VanHouten's report to the minutes.

Ms. Malan and the Committee thanked Mr. VanHouten for the work done on this report.

There may be a grant available for a Wastewater Management Plan which the State requires. Ms. Rankin asked if we can take the study which was done and just have it validated. Ms. Malan would prefer to have another third party do a study to develop a plan and to have a new Wastewater Management Plan. The commission agreed they want to be proactive in updating the Wastewater Management Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Water Pollution Control Authority unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelley S. Frazier
Water Pollution Control Authority Clerk