Town of

# North Stonington, CT

Water Pollution Control Authority

DRAFT MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
of the WPCA
January 25, 2018
New Town Hall Conference Room
6:45pm

**B. Currier called the meeting to order at 6:45**

**Members Present**: Brad Currier, Bob Boissevain, Carl Johnston and Andrea Sadowski.
**Member(s) Absent**: Bob Shabunia
**Staff Present**: Juliet Hodge

The first half hour of the meeting was spent with the members of the Conservation Commission (at their regular meeting in the New Town Hall Conference Room) discussing the ongoing role of the WPCA, the water testing that was supposed to be done per the 1994 WPCA Plan, and ways to accomplish this testing. The CC has a goal in the PCRL that relates to water testing, but other than testing done at Wyassup Lake, no other water testing has been done to their knowledge.

The WPCA supplied written response to the letter from the CC to Brad Currier sent February 2016. See below.

The WPCA "... assumed the responsibility of maintaining continuous monitoring of conditions and activities which might be expected to endanger the purity of our waters." DEP (now DEEP) provided for the avoidance of sewers in town through 2020, *four years from now.* Although little growth has occurred since this plan was developed:

- Does it continue to be the belief of WPCA that sewer avoidance remains the recommendation for town?
- Given the recent study along our I-95 corridor, has this objective changed in the zones desired for economic development?
- Is your "guidance to town boards..." (6.1 on p.9) still an operative objective?
- On p. 11 of The Plan, it states: "the major bodies of water in town should be tested" citing seven such ponds and lakes. Just this summer Wyassup Lake Improvement Association asked our sanitarian how they could get their water tested as they were suspicious of one or more faulty septic systems on the lake. They were informed by our sanitarian they didn't know how that could be done and the town had no system in place to do so.
- Has the WPCA met regularly, "at least annually, with DEP (DEEP) personnel to keep abreast of ... changes that may affect North Stonington" as summarized on p.12?

**WPCA Response:**

1. Sewer Avoidance is really a misnomer. It should be a Pollution Avoidance Plan with the goal of preventing pollution related to development and septic systems etc. It is still the intention to keep the Sewer District the same with the exception of maybe adding the newly created RC District. The Sewer District Map was updated to include all of the EDD and Industrial District (which does not currently match the description in the 1194 Plan or the current Town Ordinance for WPCA).
2. Not sure what Study are you referring to?
3. Town Guidance is still likely to be an operating objective for the WPCA – yes.
4. No water testing has been done that we know of. It certainly needs to be done! It would have to be funded by the town. LLHD is not responsible for such testing. There may have been some testing done by the DEEP over the years in various locations. Need to check with DEEP and DPH.
5. The WPCA has not met with DEEP annually – or ever – to my knowledge.

Discussed the Engineering Study authorized in October 2017 by Shawn Murphy re: the feasibility of placing a water tower on the land behind the new Emergency Services Building. No one had any knowledge whether the study has been started or what the deliverables are. J. Hodge to follow up on this.

**Meeting continued in the small conference room in Old Town Hall.**

Discussed process to begin water testing at locations identified in 1994 WPCA Plan. J. Hodge to contact DEEP to determine which tests need to be performed; number and locations of testing points for the lakes identified in the Plan; and requirements for taking samples and conducting analysis etc. J. Hodge will then contact an Environmental Analysis firm to get a rough idea of the cost of setting up such a program. J. Hodge to provide information at next meeting. J. Hodge will speak to J. Russell about updating the map of testing locations.

Discussion held re: completing the inventory of existing private systems per the 1994 Plan as well as identifying all new development since 1994 Plan was adopted. J. Hodge to look for any water testing results from SCWA.

Discussed DYMAR Sewer Study and discussion with Stonington re: updating the engineering study before proceeding with further negotiations. WPCA members agreed to discontinue study with Dymar as not much has been provided for the $16K already paid. WPCA members voted to respond to the letter from Stonington and have Stonington update the BETA Engineering Study completed in 2014.

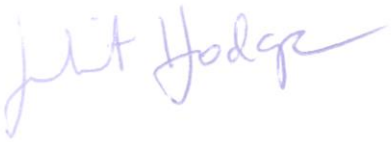
**Motion:** WPCA to respond to the letter from Douglas Nettleton, Director of the Stonington WPCA dated August 23, 2017, agreeing to move forward with the plan to update the 2014 Engineering Study to be completed by Stonington in a timely fashion (6 months ideal).

**Motion made and seconded (C. Johnston / A. Sadowski) Motion passed – unanimous**

J. Hodge to ask Cheryl to post a schedule of regular meetings for the WPCA.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:50pm **(C. Johnston / A. Sadowski) Motion passed – unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,



Juliet Hodge, PDZO

**Next Regular meeting will be held on February 22nd at 7:00pm in Old Town Hall Conference Room**