



**TOWN OF
NORTH STONINGTON, CT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

SPECIAL MEETING

of the WPCA
September 2, 2020
7:00pm Via Zoom

Approved Minutes

Chairman B. Currier called the Special Meeting to Order at 7:01pm

Members Present: B. Currier, B. Boissevain, C. Johnson & R. Mason

Members Absent: A. Sadowski

Staff J. Hodge and 1st Selectman, M. Urgo were also present.

Update from M. Urgo on Water/Sewer Projects and possible consultant to work with the town.

M. Urgo reported on proposal from K. Labbe from Signature Group to act as project manager to move water and sewer projects forward. He explained that K. Labbe would charge an hourly fee of \$98 – but there would be 2 project managers. B. Boissevain stated that K. Labbe has done a lot of work pro-bono to date.

The WPCA discussed KOA's urgent need for this project to move forward – they are the driving force. M. Urgo stated that he and K. Labbe had spoken to Westerly about a possible regional solution to their water and wastewater needs, and that it was possible to send wastewater over state lines. M. Urgo stated that there were no concrete plans, and that he wanted to get K. Labbe on board ASAP to get things moving.

R. Mason stated that it was important to get buy-in from all other Boards and Commissions to avoid the political backlash. The importance of keeping the lines of communication open was also discussed as some members of the Boards and Commissions are against public funding for utilities.

C. Johnson suggested that we direct K. Labbe to prioritize the projects that will realistically come to fruition. K. Labbe would receive oversight from the 1st Selectman, WPCA and J. Hodge.

Action steps for M. Urgo:

- Add WPCA as lead signature
- Clarity on the 2 Project Mangers
- Clarity on priorities of projects
- Explain to K. Labbe that the funds are not unlimited.

Motion made and seconded (B. Boissevain/C. Johnson) to direct the 1st Selectman to negotiate a contract for on-call hours with Signature Group with the clarifications discussed. Motion Passed

Motion made and seconded (C. Johnson/R. Mason) to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. Motion Passed

**Next Regular meeting will be held on September 24, 2020
at 7PM Location/Format TBD**