

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Minutes of the Public Hearing and meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on September 8, 2014 in the conference room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Ms. Sheridan, Messrs.: Abercrombie, Johnson and Werner  
ABSENT: Messrs.: Freda, Lane and Pellegrino  
ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer  
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water  
Diane Cuomo, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Hearing - Sewer Use Charge 2014

Mr. Werner read the Notice of Public Hearing.

**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
SEWER USE CHARGE**

Please take notice that the Town of North Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Water Pollution Control Facility located at 1122 Universal Drive.

The purpose of the public hearing is to afford owners of property against which the sewer use charges are to be levied the opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed charges.

A copy of the proposed charges is available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk.

A meeting of the WPCA will be held following the public hearing.

Richard A. Werner, Chairman  
Water Pollution Control Authority

Let it be noted that the proposed rates and Notice of Public Hearing were filed with the Town Clerk on August 27, 2014. Additionally, the Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the New Haven Register on August 29, 2014.

Mr. Bodwell presented sewer use calculations for the 2013-2014 billing period indicating total expenditures in the amount of \$3,048,929.03 and proposed revenues in the amount of \$3,048,506.48. The calculation included a charge for North Branford in the amount of \$255,805.12.

He advised a detailed breakdown includes: \$2,501,778.68 for WPCP; \$31,084.00 for insurance; \$248,229.49 for Capital STAG improvements; (-)\$14,743.00 for Nitrogen credits; and \$147,825.49 for Support services. Also included were \$73,754.37 for non-collection and \$25,000.00 from equipment replacement fund.

Mr. Bodwell advised, based on the above, the proposed sewer use charge rates for the period October 2014 to September 2015, per the action of the Water Pollution Control Authority on August 25, 2014, are:

Type	I	Single Family Residence	\$ 265.00
Type	II	Two Family Residence	\$ 530.00
Type	III*	Industrial/Commercial	\$ 3.99 / 1,000 Gallons

**\*NOTE: Two (2) installments allowed for Type III only in excess of \$300.00**

Sally Buemi of 5 Blossom Drive, was present at the public hearing.

Ms. Buemi opposed the proposed rate increases. She feels the increases of \$20.00 for Type I accounts and \$40.00 for Type II accounts are disproportionate to the increase of \$.1300 per 1,000 gallons for Type III accounts. Ms. Buemi also questioned how our commercial rates compare to other municipalities.

Sherman Katz of Sherwood Terrace, was present at the public hearing.

Mr. Katz opposed the proposed rate increases. He questioned expenditures and the budget process. Mr. Bodwell explained that we bill in arrears, which is based on the previous years expenditures.

Ms. Sheridan motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Werner closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. Werner proceeded with the order of the Agenda.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr. Johnson made a correction to the minutes of the August 25, 2014, meeting to indicate under Item #4 that he "abstained" from voting.

Ms. Sheridan motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Sewer Use Charge FY 2013-2014 (JB)

a. Status Report

Mr. Bodwell presented the status report (#1) above.

b. Establishment of Sewer Use Charge - 2014

Mr. Werner recommended the proposed rates be accepted.

Mr. Abercrombie motioned to approve the rates for the 2013-2014 sewer use charge as follows:

Type	I	Single Family Residence	\$ 265.00
Type	II	Two Family Residence	\$ 530.00
Type	III	Industrial/Commercial	\$ 3.99/1000 Gallons

The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheridan. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. WPCF - Plant Operations - status report (MB/Veolia Water)

Mr. Barrows reported the plant is operating well. The SCADA updates continue. All the pump stations are complete. He added as a result of low flows, the nitrogen results continue to be low.

5. Miscellaneous

None

6. Payment of Bills

None

7. Public Comments

Ms. Buemi questioned the percentage of North Branford's contribution toward total revenues versus their percentage of flows. Mr. Bodwell answered her question.

Ms. Buemi also asked for an explanation as to why our rate of \$245.00 remained the same for four years and we were still able to meet the arrears obligation. Mr. Bodwell answered her question.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Abercrombie motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.