

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Acting in its capacity as
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
JANUARY 22, 2019

A meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order by Chairman Ludwick in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m.

Present were Commissioners Bosco, Cekala, Cressotti, Davis, Deni, Ludwick, Muller, Szewczak and Unghire. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Maria Elsdon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #4691 by Commissioner Deni seconded by Commissioner Cekala to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting.

Referring to Page 5, second paragraph of the minutes, Commissioner Szewczak stated the Commissioners on that sub-committee are Szewczak, Arnone, Muller and Davis, not Commissioner Bosco.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4691** adopted 9-0-0, as amended.

MOTION #4692 by Commissioner Cressotti, seconded by Commissioner Cekala to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4692** adopted 7-0-2, with Commissioners Cressotti and Davis abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no comments.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business items.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION: WPC PLANT PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Bromson stated there has been a consensus on the Council to have more regular Water Pollution Control meetings.

He provided an update on Water Pollution Control and pointed out updates are available on the Town's website. He stated they meet every week at Town Hall with consultants, engineers, architects, and the State joins them once a month with a contractor. He noted they follow a long agenda, and as of this morning's meeting, the project is about 14% complete, and they expect to be on track to conclude in two years, which is the announced timeframe. He stated the total amount paid to date is \$2,636,741.50. He noted they have encountered some recent challenges, and one challenge relates to Amtrak. He stated DEEP requires a berm be built for protection in the event of a 100-year flood zone.

He stated the Town is under a contract to accept sewage from the State, and there was a formula based on any upgrades to the plant. He noted that amount is \$2.5 million dollars, and the Town has been on top of this consistently. He stated they have been advised that the \$2.5 million-dollar amount must be approved by the State. He noted even though it's a D.O.C. obligation, it's not in their yearly budget, therefore, it must go to the Bonding Commission to get approval from the State. He stated they made sure that D.O.C. submitted it, and the Bonding Commission confirmed in early January it was received, and they've apprised Enfield's State Reps and State Senator to help Enfield by making sure the Bonding Commission puts this on an agenda and votes favorably on it. He urged Commission members to talk to State Reps and the Senator about staying on top of this.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Bromson stated they are going to address the budget of Water Pollution Control now that it has been separated out, and they have separate charges. He noted during the budget session there will be a separate budget report for Water Pollution Control with actual budget deliberations and adopt that before they do the Town budget so that things are transparent, and they can really look at the numbers. He referred to the Novak report and stated Public Works has worked very hard with the subcommittee, and they will implement many Novak recommendations. He stated there will be a presentation on this. He feels this Commission (Council) is capable of continuing, and they will be provided a lot more oversight than it previously had. He stated his belief they will be able to do a good job going forward by meeting monthly and looking at the budget separately.

Chairman Ludwick questioned if it's possible to get an update about the lines being flushed, especially since the water table has been high and many people have been getting water in their basements. Mr. Bromson made note of this.

Commissioner Szewczak stated even though the Town has an owner rep for this project, Mr. Bromson and Town staff have been attending the construction meetings on a very regular basis. She stated it's important they are there and representing the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #4693 by Commissioner Szewczak, seconded by Commissioner Deni to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4693** adopted 9-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:52 p.m.