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## SEYMOUR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 275  
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

### Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Seymour WPCA- at the Norma Drummer Room on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019- 6pm.

Members present- Jim Cretella, John Uhelsky, Annmarie Drugonis, Nick Teodosio and Don Sosonovich

Others present- Walter Royals, Veolia water plant manager, John Oatley Area manager Veolia water, Jon Marro, and other members of the public.

Jim Cretella called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Acceptance of the Minutes- John Uhelsky made a motion, Nick Teodosio 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment- None.

Veolia Water report- Walter Royals reported that the plant was in compliance for the month of September 2019.

Walter Royals went on to report various maintenance updates (see attached report)

Of note- Bucket elevator for the Grit removal unit- it failed; with bushings are worn and need to be replaced, the chain needs to be replaced, can be temporarily made to work, but Walter Royals is getting prices to replace this. Mc Vac was brought in to suck out 2 loads of grit/debris. Discussion ensued about the bar screen- this is an issue for engineering.

Klarides, Kinneytown and Colony Siphon were all flushed.

The flush truck was sent to Bahr sales to fix leaking hoses/ Mc Vac is on standby in case of any sewer backups.

Manners Avenue root situation- (roots were cut out) Dukes root control can re-treat the area (for free under their guarantee); Walter Royals asked the board would they want Dukes to treat some more trouble areas for root control (price \$1.69/ft)? John Uhelsky commented that Jim Galligan could be consulted for his recommendation. Lining the Manners Av area of concern was discussed- John Oatley commenting that it would be a more permanent solution. Annmarie Drugonis asked that the cost of 3 years of root control be compared with cost of lining the sewer pipe.

Old pickup truck- Tony Caserta was contacted by John Uhelsky, and according to the charter the truck is to be put out to bid; however, Tony Caserta would ask town attorney if the bid requirements could be bypassed for trade or sale. Discussion ensued about how bids are done.

**Income report** – Jon Marro submitted this to the board.

124 Day Street- Needs an adjustment of \$1,948.10- due to a leak of 385CCF. The leak was fixed.

108 Skokorat Street- Needs an adjustment of \$556.60- due to a leak of 110CCF. The leak was fixed.

**John Uhelsky** made a motion, Nick Teodosio 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the adjustments. Motion passed 5-0.

**Financial report**- was submitted to the board.

**Invoices** – the following was submitted to the board for authorization (see attached).

**John Uhelsky** made a motion, Nick Teodosio 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the invoices for payment. Motion passed 5-0.

**Quote by J.J. Brennan Construction**- \$22,500 to dig up valves that are approximately 10 feet underground, and to remove and replace the valves to the primary clarifier. Annmarie Drugonis read the proposal for the record. Discussion ensued about the technical details of the work. **John Uhelsky** made a motion, Don Sosonovich 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve the quote by J.J. Brennan Construction. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Nick Teodosio abstained).

**Legal Report** – None.

**Engineering Report**-Jim Galligan was not present-

The last building maintenance report by Jon Livolsi was given to the board.

Nick Teodosio asked about the 2 Roof Fans- Walter Royals reported that Jim Galligan may have ordered the Roof fans as they were approved by the board last month. Discussion ensued about how the Fans would be mounted, electricity disconnected and connected. The two other odor control fans – Ralph Mann company is getting the board a quote for repair/installation of the fan plenums. Once this is accomplished, then the biofilter can be tackled.

Walter Royals and the board went through the building maintenance report; of note, Jacobs Bros will be contacted about the scrap machinery. Annmarie Drugonis stressed the importance of keeping the scrap covered; this is per Stormwater permit regulations from CTDEEP. Discussion also ensued about electrical junction boxes at Peach pump station. In addition, the shed building was discussed; this needs to be either demolished or have the roof replaced with fiberglass.

John Oatley reported on the bill inserts about “flushables” that went out with the October billing. He added that for the next billing the inserts will be bigger in size.

**New Business**- (this is a synopsis due to the length of conversations)

**John Uhelsky** raised the concern of the number of open items that were reported on Jon Livolsi’s last building maintenance report (Mr. Livolsi was fired by Jim Galligan). **John Uhelsky** made a motion to re-hire Jon Livolsi to continue his building maintenance, Nick Teodosio 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 5-0. Discussion

ensued about this. Annmarie Drugonis stated that Jim Livolsi could not sit on a board and hold this job, so he (Jon Livolsi) resigned from the board. Annmarie Drugonis continued that in order for Jon Livolsi to work this building maintenance job; the job would have to be publicly posted and would then be working for the Town. Nick Teodosio asked if he (Jon Livolsi) could be hired as sub-contractor? Annmarie Drugonis stated no, it would have to go out to bid. Discussion ensued about this matter and why/ what was the reason that Jon Livolsi was fired. Also discussed was how the process of hiring any contractor needs an RFP, and how the WPCA has to comply with these rules because they are under the Town of Seymour's procedures. Another possibility that was raised, is if Jon Livolsi was a Veolia Water employee. Discussion ensued as to possible scenarios of why Jon Livolsi was fired. John Uhelsky stated that the work still has to be done; Annmarie Drugonis stated that either Jim Galligan would have to hire someone else at a cheaper rate or Veolia water brings in a maintenance person. John Oatley (Veolia Water) commented that the current budgeted amount of R&M is \$25,000 and is inadequate/has been inadequate. Veolia water provides routine maintenance, not HV/AC maintenance (for an example).

Discussion then ensued about Lawn Maintenance and using Public Works to mow the various WPCA properties.

Then discussion returned to the possibility of hiring Jon Livolsi (or anyone)- as either a subcontractor or an employee. There would have to be a written job description, post the job opening, the person would become a Town employee under Public Works. There would have to have a budget line-item for this. Nick Teodosio asked if a contractor (licensed, with LLC, and registered with CT) could be used? Discussion ensued as what Jon Livolsi was doing for Seymour WPCA- for example sewer backups. Annmarie Drugonis then got in contact with Atty. Proto via texting- asked if a line item of the budget is set up for this? Annmarie Drugonis stated – the position would have to be posted, have an interview process, set up a dollar amount in a separate line item in the budget; but the Town Atty. does not believe the WPCA has hiring authority.

Annmarie Drugonis also mentioned that the board has to choose a new "vice chair"; She has stepped down as vice chair. John Uhelsky nominated Annmarie Drugonis as vice chair, stated that she did a good job and has town/ political expertise. Annmarie Drugonis then asked the question if you thought I did a good job (with respect to Jim Cretella) why did you pick (for Chairman) Jim and not me? John Uhelsky responded; the way that she (Annmarie) treated Walter Royals during a meeting and leaving early/coming in late to meetings. Annmarie Drugonis responded that only once did leave a meeting early because she had to pick her child up, and only came in late twice. She doesn't want the vice chair position. She also defended her speech to Walter Royals, because of her/others responsibility for the compliance of the sewer plant. John Uhelsky maintained that it was unprofessional to do that at a meeting in front of other people. Annmarie Drugonis nominated Nick Teodosio for the position; he refused. Annmarie Drugonis made a motion, Nick Teodosio 2<sup>nd</sup>, to table this until next meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

**Executive Session – None.**

**Adjournment-** John Uhelsky made a motion, Nick Teodosio 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting ended 7:34 pm.



SEYMOUR WATER POLLUTION  
CONTROL AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 175  
Seymour, Connecticut 06484

TO: First Selectman

October 8, 2019

From: Seymour WPCA

RE: Invoices to be paid

The following invoices were submitted to the Finance Department for payment on October 8, 2019.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
Veolia Water	90212398	\$126,615.16	
H.I. Stone & Sons, Inc	76664	\$1740.00	
Van Etton Plumbing & Heating	22691	\$1,670.00	
East Coast Overhead Door	784-1	\$1,479.00	
Bahr Sales, Inc	162689	\$2,615.00	
Aquarion Water Company of CT	90131715	\$1,578.10	
Town of Seymour	October 1,2019	\$498.00	
Troy Industrial Solutions	0011342-IN	\$589.60	
Metro North Commuter Railroad	Acct.#t0001315	\$100.00	
Comcast	Acct# 8773 40 216 0226334	\$267.98	
Nafis & Young	189-19	\$3,218.50	
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September 1, 2019

**Town of Seymour**

**WPCA**

July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019

		Cash Balance 08/31/2019	161,439.16
		Reserve Acc	1,059,551.45
September	September		
	<b>Monthly Summary</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>18,810.99</b>
		Interest	1,569.29
		transfer from inv	
		transfers to invest	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,380.28</b>
	<b>Monthly Summary</b>	<b>Payments</b>	
		US Filter	\$126,615.16
	Cap Improvement	US Filter	
		WJ Electric	
		Traver Electric Motor Co.	5,496.00
		Northeast Water Maint & Ser	
		Tower Generator Service	
		Nafis & Young	
		Knapp Engineering	
		Ralph Mann	
		Campbell Foundary	
		Joseph Merritt & Co	
		McVac Env Ser	
	Engineering	Nafis & Young	
	Legal	Proto Benjamin	863.86
	Legal	Branse & Willis	
	Maintenance	JP MacGuire	2,679.15
		WJ Electric	676.50
		HI Stone	180.00
		Chip Away Tree Service	691.28
		Shelton Alarm Systems	167.31
		Next generation Ent.	1,479.00
		Comcast	267.98
	Misc	refunds	
		Metro North	
		Quality Data	
		Town Clerk	1,854.00
		Claim-Spader	524.00
		Claim -Aspelund	5,800.00
		Ct DEEP	
		State of Ct	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147,294.24</b>



7 October 2019

## Seymour Water Pollution Control Facility September 2019 Monthly Report

### Highlights/Summary

#### Operational Performance/compliance:

All NPDES permit parameters and monitoring requirements were in compliance for the month of September 2019.

UST Annual renewal and fee due by Oct. 10, 2019 deadline per Ct DEEP USTE Enforcement .

#### Plant repair and maintenance items etc:

RAS pump VFD #1 failed, Switched to #2 RAS pump VFD, after three hours #2 failed. Switched to RAS Pump VFD #3( the only remaining VFD). Called Troy Industrial to troubleshoot issue. Troy Diagnosed both units to be no good. Obtained pricing from Troy and Traver. Ordered two updated units to replace the failed units. Received approval to purchase a third unit so the existing unit can be used as a spare back-up. Traver Elec. replaced the two failed units and tested.

Final Effluent flow totalizer failed to work properly. Intron switched signals to a different recorder instrument in order to obtain flow totals. A new recorder was ordered.

Bucket elevator for Grit removal would not operate, Pumped tank down. Scheduled Mcvac to remove grit from tank in order to determine problem with grit collection mechanisms.

Chronic toxicity analysis report of WPCF and Naugatuck River was sent to CTDEEP.

#### Collection System:

- Flushed /Jetted Klarides Siphon, Removed 3 buckets of debris. Also removed an accumulation of paper/rags where McDonald's Restaurant lateral enters the sewer pipe
- Jetted /flushed Kinneytown Siphon several times over two weekend days. Flow is running normal
- Jetted /Flushed Colony Street Siphon. Flow is running Normal.
- Flush /Jet truck hoses have begun to leak. Scheduled to have them replaced on 9/30/19.

#### Safety:

Training for September: Respiratory protection and Housekeeping  
Days without a Lost time Accident = 12772 days.

Note: See page #2-3 for further details. If you have questions please feel free to ask.

**MONTHLY OPERATIONS Report**

All parameters were in compliance with all monitoring requirements for the month of September 2019.

**Operational Performance data below:**

Influent Total Nitrogen: 285.6 pounds per day  
Effluent Total Nitrogen: 55.0 pounds per day  
Percent Removal: 80.74 %

2019 Nitrogen Trading Limit is 61 pounds per day

Influent Total Phosphorus: 4.77 mg/l  
Effluent Total Phosphorus: 0.62 mg/l  
Percent Removal: 87.0 %

Total Phosphorus monthly average Permit limit **1.09 mg/l (effective 4/1/2018)(seasonal Apr-Oct)**  
**There are no Effluent Phosphorus permit limits from Nov-March**  
Effluent Ortho Phosphorus : 0.55 mg/l

Average Daily Flow 0.79 MGD      Maximum daily Flow 0.90 MGD      Peak flow 1.6 MGD  
**Average Daily Flow Permit Limit: 2.93 MGD**

**SIGNIFICANT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY etc:****Plant Repair and Maintenance and notable items include the following**

- Backflow preventer in Ops building was malfunctioning and leaking. Van Etton Plumbing replaced unit.
- Cleaned South Secondary clarifier ,removed from service to clean and repair skimmer deflector.
- RAS pump VFD #1 failed, Switched to #2 RAS pump VFD, after three hours #2 failed. Switched to RAS Pump VFD #3( the only remaining VFD). Called Troy Industrial to troubleshoot issue. Troy Diagnosed both units to be no good. Obtained pricing from Troy and Traver. Ordered two updated units to replace the failed units. Recieved approval to purchase a third unit so the existing unit can be used as a spare back-up. Traver Elec. replaced the two failed units and tested. The third unit has been ordered and is being scheduled for installation.
- Troy removed a failed WAS pump VFD for troubleshooting/diagnosis. Unit was repaired and reinstalled. VFD is now back in operation.
- Replaced Gator Battery and performed PM on unit.
- Final Effluent flow totalizer failed to work properly. Introl switched signals to a different recorder instrument in order to obtain flow totals. A new recorder was ordered.
- Regional Water installed new meter reading equipment at Meter Pit on Derby Ave.
- Ordered new Influent / Effluent Flow recorder.
- Bucket elevator for Grit removal would not operate, Pumped tank down. Scheduled Mcvac to remove grit from tank in order to determine problem with grit collector mechanisms.



## **COLLECTION SYSTEM**

- Weekly Pump Station checks.
- Performed Dye Test at 23A Holbrook Road. Dye test revealed unit is connected to Seymour Sewers.
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- Jetted /flushed Kinneytown Siphon several times over two weekend days.Flow is running normal
- Jetted /Flushed Colony Street Siphon. Flow is running Normal.
- Provided drawings/information of Titus PS force main on Holbrook Road to Brian Nesteriak for Road paving project.
- Flush /Jet truck hoses have begun to leak. Scheduled to have them replaced on 09/30/19.

### **Other:**

- ❖ Waiting for Parts to rebuild Primary Sludge Pumps. est 5-7 weeks delivery
- ❖ Ordered new N style pump ( Newer technology) pump for Peach Pump Station.
- ❖ N&Y representitive here throughout month for building maintenance issues.  
Notable improvements were made at WPCF and Pump Stations,See N&Y Report
- ❖ Capitol upgrades/repairs evaluation of WPCF equipment.
- ❖ Schedule McVac to clean-out North Derby Pump Station wet well
- ❖ Root control on Manners Ave. etc.
- ❖ Grit Removal estimated repair/replacement parts needed.

### **Safety:**

#### **Safety Training completed in September 2019**

- **Respiratory Protection, and Housekeeping**

**Number of Days without a Lost Time Accident =12,772 days as of 9/30/19**

**Respectfully Submitted to the WPCA Board Members: Jim Cretella Chairman,  
Annmarie Drugonis, Nicholas Teodosio, and John Uhelsky**

**Walter Royals  
Project Manager  
Veolia Water**

