

**CITY OF GROTON
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Minutes of Meeting
December 1, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Mayor Galbraith

Members: Dempsey, Gerrish, Hedrick, Ilvento, Jervis and Sheffield

Staff: Finance Director Ronald Yuhas
Operations Manager Valentini
Chief Plant Operator Cini
City Clerk Patrick

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

Hedrick / Gerrish that the Agenda be amended to include "Citizen's Petitions/Comments". **So voted unanimously.**

Citizen Sam Spano, 300 Thames Street, Groton, CT, praised Staff for doing a fantastic job addressing odor concerns at the plant over the years. Mr. Spano's main concern is the timeline for the Wastewater Facilities Plan Project and unpleasant odors of raw sewage. He would like to see the project start before May, when residents may begin to open their windows.

Operations Manager Valentini responded to Mr. Spano's concerns updating that Management is still working with the engineers revising and finalizing plans. It is anticipated that the bidding process begin prior to Christmas and Members take action at the February 2015 WPCA meeting. Once the contractors are on board, the covering can be addressed first relative to the odor concerns.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Ilvento / Sheffield that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2014 be approved. **So voted unanimously.**

4. REVIEW OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Regarding Report Item No. 4, Operations Manager Valentini advised that the SCADA system has been upgraded. He estimated the Wastewater Facilities Plan Project will be a two-year process to complete.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Chief Plant Operator Cini apologized on behalf of Kelsey Reeves for not having a final report on the screenings project relating to the harmful effects of non-disposables being flushed. There has been a noticeable difference in the number of plugged pumps. Ms. Reeves will be prepared to give a presentation on the findings at the January 2015 WPCA meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Member Dempsey questioned if there ever was an incident in the City of Groton where sewage had backed up into a resident's home. Operations Manager Valentini responded there was an incident years ago and the Sewer Main Video and Cleaning Project was initiated.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, at 7:29 p.m., **Ilvento / Sheffield** that this meeting adjourn. **So voted unanimously.**

Attest:

Raymond L. Valentini
Operations Manager