



**Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 4, 2013 – 5:30 PM**  
**Stamford Government Center**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board of Finance Conference Room**  
**888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT**  
**Voting Minutes**  
**(The meeting was videotaped.)**

Attendees

Ernie Orgera	Chairman, WPCA Board
Michael Handler	WPCA Board Member
Tim Abbazia (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Cristina Andreana	WPCA Board Member
Daniel Capano	WPCA Board Member
Donald Huppert	WPCA Board Member
Mitchell Kaufman (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Dan Schwartz	WPCA Board Member
William Brink	Executive Director, WPCA
Rhudean Bull	Administration Manager, WPCA
Prakash Chakravarti	Supervising Engineer, WPCA
William Degnan	Plant Supervisor, WPCA
Marie Sabo	Laboratory Director, WPCA
Daniel McCabe	WPCA Legal Counsel

Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call

Chairman, E. Orgera, called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present (5 Board Members).

Public Participation

There were no speakers for Public Participation.

Minutes Approval

D. Huppert made a motion to approve the July 17, 2013 Full Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by D. Capano. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 5-0-0.

D. Capano made a motion to approve the August 5, 2013 Full Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by D. Huppert. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 5-0-0.

D. Capano made a motion to approve the August 21, 2013 Full Special Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by D. Huppert. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 5-0-0.

FY 2013-2014 WPCA User Charge & Vote

a. Update of August User Charge Presentation

B. Brink provided an update by reviewing the Rate Setting handout from the prior month.

b. Vote to Adjourn for the 6:00 PM Public Hearings

At 6:03 PM, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting for the Public Hearing. D. Capano made the motion; seconded by D. Huppert. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 5-0-0.

**NOTE:** C. Andreana arrived to the meeting at 6:07 PM

c. Vote to Reconvene after Public Hearing

There were no attendees at the Public Hearing. At 6:10 PM, D. Huppert made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting; seconded by M. Handler. For discussion, C. Andreana asked if the Public Hearing had to be for a set amount of time. R. Bull replied that the notice in the Advocate stated the meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM; no ending time was noticed. C. Andreana stated that the meeting should be re-opened if someone showed up; the Board agreed. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

d. Approval of FY 2013-2014 User Charge Rate

M. Handler suggested holding this agenda item until 6:30 PM in case someone showed up late and wanted to speak. He made a motion to take the agenda out of order; seconded by C. Andreana. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

After agenda item #7, M. Handler made a motion to go out of order; seconded by C. Andreana. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

d. Cont'd : Approval of FY 2013-2014 User Charge Rate

C. Andreana made a motion to approve the FY2013-2014 User Charge rate of **\$4.40**; seconded by D. Huppert. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

Billing Update:

e. A&W Update

Discussion will be included in the full minutes.

f. Reduction of Foreclosure Rate to \$7,500 or \$7,000

M. Handler made a motion to reduce the foreclosure rate from \$8,500 to \$7,000; seconded by D. Capano. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

Update and Discussion: Capital Projects

a. Dyke Lane

P. Chakravarti provided information from the Stantec Engineering report regarding the pump station stating that because of the report findings, pumps have to be disassembled and inspected, as well as a number of worn parts needs to be replaced. He presented a Bid Waiver before the Board for a pump manufacturer that is a sole source provider. There was some discussion regarding whether or not a waiver of this amount should go before the BOR and/or the BOF—R. Bull will research and report findings to the Board.

ii. D. Capano made a motion to approve the Bid Waiver to Sulzer Pumps pending any issues to the contrary in the amount of \$160,095.00; seconded by D. Huppert. Discussion: C. Andreana asked if the reason for the Bid Waiver is because of sole source provider, to which P. Chakravarti replied it was. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

At 7:24 PM, D. Capano made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiation and legal strategy for BLT appeals; seconded by C. Andreana. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

At 7:30 PM, M. Handler made a motion to exit out of Executive Session, seconded by D. Huppert. **Vote:** 6-0-0. No action taken in Executive Session, other than to note in the minutes to have the same agenda item in Executive Session at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

At 7:40 PM, D. Huppert motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by C. Andreana. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 6-0-0.