# Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority

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# REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW HAVEN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014 6:00 P.M. 260 EAST STREET NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

The regular meeting of the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority was held October 14, 2014 at the GNHWPCA offices, 260 East Street, New Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Chairman Paolillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Director's present: Director Joyce Alton, New Haven

Director Michael Fimiani, New Haven Chairman Alphonse Paolillo, New Haven Director Clayton Williams, New Haven Director Vincent Arpino, East Haven Director Anthony Criscuolo, East Haven

Director Russell Cyr, Hamden

Director Jeffrey Ginzberg, Woodbridge

Director Absent: Vice Chairman Stephen Mongillo, Hamden

Also Present: Sidney J. Holbrook, Executive Director

Gabriel Varca, Treasurer

Gary Zrelak, Director of Operations Thomas Sgroi, Director of Engineering

Mario Ricozzi, Manager of Design CSO, LTCP

Deborah L. Torre, Secretary

Chairman Paolillo called for a motion to add a New Business item – a Budget Transfer.

Director Fimiani moved the motion to add a Budget Transfer as a New Business item. Director Arpino seconded the motion.

New Business on the agenda for a later vote.

1. Approval of minutes of September 9, 2014 – Regular Meeting.

Director Arpino made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting

of the Board of Directors of the Authority are hereby adopted and approved in the form attached hereto as the <u>Exhibit</u> to Agenda Item #1, any such changes, revisions or additions thereto having been noted to and by the Secretary of the Authority.

Director Fimiani seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES NAYES ABSTENTIONS

Alton

Arpino

Criscuolo

Cyr

Fimiani

Paolillo

Williams

2. Public participation relating to agenda items.

## Public present.

Mr. Ken Joyner, New Haven resident who resides at 451 Huntington Street, New Haven.

Kendall Barbery, Green Project Associate from CFE/STS representing the West River Green Infrastructure projects.

 Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Authority to make a grant of \$10,000 to the CFE/Save the Sound Green Fund, which grant shall match the \$10,000 grant issued to CFE/Save the Sound Green Fund by the Greater New Haven Green Fund.

Director Alton made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That the grant of \$10,000 to the CFE/Save the Sound Green Fund, matching the \$10,000 grant issued to CFE/Save the Sound Green Fund by the Greater New Haven Green Fund, as further described in the <u>Exhibit</u> to Agenda Item #3, is hereby approved in all respects, and the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to take any and all reasonable and necessary

actions in furtherance thereof.

Director Arpino seconded the motion.

Tom Sgroi handed out a Green Infrastructure project summary provided by Kendall Barbery from CFE. The Green Infrastructure project has funding and support from the Green Fund, the City of New Haven and the CT DEEP. The majority of the projects funding came from a 319 grant from the State of CT which focused on a study of the West River watershed to be completed by Consultant Fuss and O'Neil. A small part of the scope which will utilize these funds includes a pilot project that will result in the construction of demonstration bioswales at locations identified and coordinated with the City Parks Dept, City of New Haven Engineering Dept and the GNHWPCA. This project furthers the overall goal of the GNHWPCA as it contributes to the removal of stormwater entering the combined sewer system and furthers reduction of CSO.

Tom Sgroi explained that this project fits well with other GNHWPCA projects in the West River watershed such as the West River CSO Abatement project which will provide changes to the CSO diversion structures and maximize storage within the existing Boulevard Interceptor. The concepts are consistent with the CH2MHill Draft Green Infrastructure Suitability Pilot study currently under final review by the DEEP. This study highlights areas where Green Infrastructure will have the greatest benefit with the West River sewershed.

Once completed, this modest demonstration project will divert hundreds of thousands of gallons of storm water from the combined sanitary sewer system. This grant application process and proposal involved a significant amount of collaboration and community good faith planning. All parties involved in this cost sharing project believe it to be very beneficial in many respects.

### Director Ginzberg arrived at 6:19 PM.

CFE will be working with the City and the City Engineering Department on these projects. They have a MOU with the City which will be for maintenance on the bioswale and rain garden including sediment and trash removal.

Director Ginzberg opposes what is referred to as a grant for these projects. He would like to see our rates go down for our ratepayers and not contribute \$10,000.00 to a project that the GNHWPCA has no say over.

Voice Vote: Not Unanimous

Chairman Paolillo asks for a roll call of the Directors and their vote on this Item.

AYES NAYES ABSTENTIONS
Alton Ginzberg Arpino
Criscuolo Williams

Cyr Fimiani Paolillo

4. Consideration and approval of a resolution designating unrestricted debt service reserve from the unspent debt service budget for the Authority's 2014 fiscal year, in the amount of \$316,895.26, for future debt service on Clean Water Fund 441C, expected to close in the 2018 fiscal year.

Director Fimiani made the following motion:

**RESOLVED**: That the designation of unrestricted debt service reserve from the unspent debt service budget for the Authority's 2014 fiscal year for future debt service on Clean Water Fund 441C, as further described in the <a href="Exhibit">Exhibit</a> to Agenda Item #4, in an amount not to exceed \$316,895.26, is hereby authorized and approved in all respects, and the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to take any and all reasonable and necessary actions in furtherance thereof.

Director Criscuolo seconded the motion.

The monies were left over from the debt service line item in the previous fiscal year budget due to CWF 581C2 closing in December 2013 instead of July 2013. This money will be set into a debt service fund reserved for the 1/20<sup>th</sup> payment for the closing of CWF 441C which is estimated to close in 2018.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES NAYES ABSTENTIONS

Alton

Arpino

Criscuolo

Cyr

Fimiani

Ginzberg

Paolillo

Williams

5. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the Authority to enter into a Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department

of Energy and Environmental Protection in connection with the Authority's implementation of an Update of the Hydraulic Model of the Sewer System of the Combined Sewer Area in the City of New Haven.

Director Arpino made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That it is in the best interests of the Authority to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. In furtherance of this resolution, Sidney J. Holbrook, Executive Director is duly authorized to (i) enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Authority; and (ii) provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto. Director Alton seconded the motion.

The Update of the Hydraulic Model of the Sewer System of the Combined Sewer Area in the City of New Haven was approved back in April. What was omitted was the part of the resolve that allows Sidney J. Holbrook (to sign off on), in furtherance of this resolution. No new item was discussed.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES NAYES ABSTENTIONS

Alton Arpino

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Criscuolo

Cyr

Fimiani

Ginzberg

Paolillo

Williams

- 6. Executive summary and department updates and presentations.
  - Monthly Budget Report
  - Monthly Operations Report
  - Monthly Engineering Report
  - East Shore Construction- Effects Nitrogen Credits
  - Coats for Tots Drive

 November Meeting – November 18<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, due to Veterans Day November 11th, 2014

#### **New Business Item**

Consideration and approval of certain Departmental Budget Transfer Requests.

Director Arpino made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That the Departmental Transfer Request, as described in the Exhibit to the New Business Agenda Item, is hereby approved.

Director Fimiani seconded the motion.

Budget transfer for \$15,000.00 transferred from Medical to Unemployment Compensation to cover liability.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES NAYES ABSTENTIONS

Alton

**Arpino** 

Criscuolo

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Fimiani

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Williams

## 7. Call to the public.

## Public present.

Mr. Ken Joyner, New Haven resident comments in regard to Item 3 on the agenda. Resolution authorizing the Authority to make a grant of \$10,000 to the CFE/ Save the Sound Green Fund. He is in agreement with Director Ginzberg's mention of seeing the rates go down for the GNHWPCA ratepayers and not contribute the \$10,000.00. Mr. Joyner felt it is not the purpose of the GNHWPCA to give out grant money for the project. He is not in favor of this. He voiced his displeasure of Call to the public, to testify on agenda items after they have been voted on and passed. He did not like this procedure.

## 8. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Director Cyr, seconded by Director Criscuolo and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah L. Torre Secretary