



## Colchester Sewer and Water Commission

Minutes of the 9 September 2009

Regular Monthly Meeting

Municipal Office Complex  
Colchester, Connecticut

**Members Present:** R. Tarlov, R. LeMay, S. Boyden, D. Ferrigno, T. Tripodi, R. Jones,  
T. Tyler

**Members Absent:** A. Pelletier

**Others Present:** M. Decker (Public Works Director)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission 5 August 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and the 18 August 2009 Special Meeting Minutes** –  
*Motion to approve the minutes of the Sewer and Water Commission 5 August 2009 regular monthly meeting as presented, by T. Tripodi, second by R. Jones; Motion approved 4-0 (S. Boyden, D. Ferrigno, and R. LeMay abstained)*  
*Motion to approve the minutes of the Sewer and Water Commission 18 August 2009 special meeting as presented, by S. Boyden, second by T. Tyler; Motion approved 4-0 (T. Tripodi, R. Jones, and R. LeMay abstained)*
3. **Citizen's Comments** - none
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
  - A. **Finance – Transfers, Monthly financial reports, Quarterly billing, other** – M. Decker presented the revised July financials and the August financials – both were discussed  
*Motion to appropriate \$25,000 from the undesignated Water Capital fund into 3053210-68110 – Water Capital meter replacement program and \$25,000 from the undesignated Sewer Capital fund into 3253209-68110 Sewer Capital meter replacement program line items as part of the on-going meter replacement program and to forward the request to the Board of Selectmen with a*

*recommendation to approve, by R. LeMay, second by S. Boyden; motion approved 7-0*

M. Decker reported at meetings of the SWC and BOS in March 09, the agreement between the Town and Lenard Engineering for \$2,500 for engineering services associated with preparation of the UST application was approved. The motions did not include funding of the project by appropriation from the undesignated water capital account so that action must be performed and forwarded to the BOS. *Motion to appropriate \$2,500 from the undesignated Water Capital fund for the previously approved expenditure for engineering services by Lenard Engineering for the UST fund application preparation and to forward to the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation to approve, by D. Ferrigno, second by R. LeMay; Motion approved 7-0*

**5. Water Activities**

**A. Water Activities Report** – M. Decker reported work activities included general work at plant and wells, sampling, mark-outs, etc. – continued meter replacement program (over 1400 out of just over 2000 have been replaced so far); began meter reading on 1 September; water main extension on Linwood Cemetery Road for Fire Department; plan reviews

**B. Water Projects Status** – Dunkin Donuts – no water work yet – water work scheduled to begin within 2 weeks; Benton Farms – water services previously installed; North Woods – no new water activity  
There was a general discussion on the Pierpont Plaza expansion and the Settler's Green projects that are in the PZC application process

**6. Sewer Activities**

**A. Joint Facilities Report** – no August meeting. The BOS approved and signed the revised intermunicipal agreement. The next meeting date is 15 September at 5:00 p.m.

**B. Sewer Activities Report** – new grinder unit was delivered to PHPS and installed

**C. Sewer Projects Status** - no new sewer work on above projects

**7. Old Business**

**A. Taintor Hill Road Treatment Plant Improvements** – minor punch list items remain, invitations for Ceremonial Grand Opening have been distributed – scheduled for 18 September at 2:00

**B. Flatbrook Sewer Booster Station** – discussed with Chris Wester of Weston & Sampson about upcoming work items but have not been able to meet yet

**C. UST Fund Application** – Town-side of information preparation is on-going

**D. Lyman Viaduct** – BOS approved, Butler has submitted signed Agreement, notice to proceed being issued

8. **New Business** – M. Decker presented an update on the DEP’s proposed Streamflow Regulations and identified they are expected to be formally published in the next few weeks thereby starting the clock on the minimum 30-day public comment period. He presented some background and details of the proposed regulations and the significant impact potential it has for the water industry and how some of those impacts may affect Colchester immediately and in the future. He stated that the Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) has developed a communication plan including a “call to action” that includes hosting meetings at area offices to educate businesses and municipal leaders of how the proposed regulation will affect their community and economic development plans. Based on the information provided by the Association, including copies of the draft regulations, and the fundamental concerns of the draft regulations and framework, it was the consensus of the Commission to volunteer to host an area educational meeting. M. Decker will follow-up with CWWA Executive Director Betsy Gara offering to host. He will provide information as it becomes available.
9. **Citizens Comments** - none
10. **Adjourn** – *Motion to adjourn, by T. Tripodi, second by R. LeMay; Motion approved 7-0.*

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Decker