

**Wastewater Management
Commission
August 24, 2015
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~
Final**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman Thomas M. Ferrio

II. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas M. Ferrio	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth V. Richardson	Vice-Chairman	Absent	
Peter Ogle	Commissioner	Present	
Robert D. Frost	Commissioner	Present	
Barbara Lutzell	Commissioner	Present	

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review and Approval of DRAFT Minutes - July 8, 2015

Motion to accept and approve the minutes of July 8, 2015 as written.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Ogle, Chairman
SECONDER:	Barbara Lutzell, Commissioner
AYES:	Thomas M. Ferrio, Peter Ogle, Robert D. Frost, Barbara Lutzell
ABSENT:	Elizabeth V. Richardson

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Wastewater Manager's Report

The Wastewater Manager's report was read and placed on file in the Wastewater Management Office.

RESULT:	NO VOTE TAKEN
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V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Environmental Land Use Restriction in Ninigret Park

Discussion ensued regarding the site located at Ninigret Park. Mr. Ferrio explained that this is an area where the underground fuel storage tanks used to be when it used to be an air base. The Army Corps of Engineers removed the tanks years ago and spent some time removing/sampling the soil and put in several monitoring wells to conduct testing of the groundwater. There remains a layer of contamination at approximately ten feet deep. Mr. Dowling explained that the concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons are low enough that by the time the groundwater moves out of the contaminated area, natural attenuation takes place as the groundwater moves through the soil, breaking down the hydrocarbons. However, because there are still contaminants in the soil, the ACOE would like the Town to make the commitment to not use this area for certain things, such as a well.

Mr. Ogle stated that this is just one of the sites of known contamination at Ninigret Park. Mr. Dowling stated that the entirety of Ninigret Park could be considered a Brownfield site, as it was previously used by the US Government as an industrial site.

Mr. Ferrio stated that he doesn't feel this is a Wastewater issue. Mr. Ogle stated that he feels the Town should just recognize that this site can never be used as a site for drinking water.

Mr. Dowling stated that the ACOE is under the gun from RIDEM to comply with the remediation standards. The ACOE has remediated this site (SITE 8) to the maximum extent financially practical. The last piece of the puzzle would be to have an ELUR in place to use as a tool to minimize the potential pathway of petroleum hydrocarbons to people. RIDEM wants to have the ELUR filed with plans to close the file out after receiving that from the Town.

Mr. Dowling, with concurrence from Mr. Ogle, feels that it would be in the Town's best interest to hire an Environmental consultant/hydrologist to officially review the file for consideration of filing the ELUR with RIDEM. Upon filing of the ELUR with RIDEM, the ACOE would plan to address the other contaminated sites in the park.

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Motion to: Recommend to the Town Council to hire an Environmental consultant so knowledgeable as to advise them of the technical and environmental risks involved in signing an Environmental Land Use Restriction as the WWMC members do not feel that they are so knowledgeable or qualified to answer this question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Ogle, Chairman
SECONDER:	Robert D. Frost, Commissioner
AYES:	Thomas M. Ferrio, Peter Ogle, Robert D. Frost, Barbara Lutzel
ABSENT:	Elizabeth V. Richardson

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 7:00 PM

Attest:

Bonnie Langlois, Recording Secretary