

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING - MAY 19, 2020**

**Present:** Chairwoman Elizabeth Phelan, Commissioner Robert A. Badal, Commissioner Ramiro Suarez, Commissioner Kathy Ferrier and Commissioner Sean Dunn

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Robert Longo and Sean Hennessey, Director of Sewer

**Absent:** Council Liaison Mary Fortier

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Phelan called the meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held via Webex, Meeting Number 793 159 132 to order at 6:02 PM.

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3) MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Commissioner Ferrier dedicated a moment of silence to all the essential works, nurses, doctors EMT's and everyone else who are helping to fight Covid-19.

**4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

On motion, Commissioner Badal and seconded, voted to approve the April 21, 2020 minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote:	Chairwoman Phelan - Yes
	Commissioner Badal - Yes
	Commissioner Suarez - Yes
	Commissioner Ferrier - Yes
	Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

**5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**6) CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS**

None

**7) CLEAN HARBORS**

Superintendent Longo informed the Board of the issues with Clean Harbors discharges into the Sewer's Treatment Plant. The discussion ensued to the issues, meetings and actions that have been going on since September 2019. He noted that he shut Clean Harbors down due to the continued issues, but has since turned them back on with the conditions that they address the issues immediately (see Attachment A). Discussion ensued, no action taken.

**8) BOARD OF FINANCE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST**

Superintendent Longo noted the request is to cover the overtime associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

On motion, Commissioner Badal and seconded, voted to approve the \$60,000.00 transfer request from the Board of Finance.

Roll Call Vote:      Chairwoman Phelan - Yes  
                                 Commissioner Badal - Yes  
                                 Commissioner Suarez - Yes  
                                 Commissioner Ferrier - Yes  
                                 Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

**9) SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

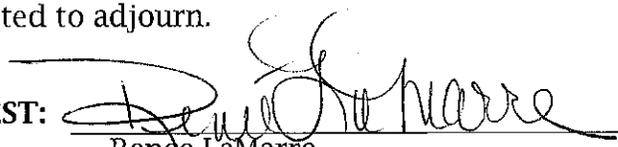
Superintendent Longo informed the Board of a sewer backup in the main line on North St. (Route 6) that backed up into the Bristol Teachers Federal Credit Union. He stated that there will be a claim against the City, which is being handled by the attorneys. The Department is currently looking into a substance found in the main that could possibly be causing the back up. No action taken.

Superintendent Longo informed the Board that the City's DEEP permit and Clean Harbors permit are coming up for renewal. He explained what this entails for the City's DEEP permit emphasis on the new restrictions regarding allowable aluminum. Discussion continued and no action was taken.

**10) ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:29 PM, on motion by Commissioner Dunn and seconded, unanimously voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
Renee LaMarre

Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant



Attachment A

Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.  
51 Broderick Road  
Bristol, CT 06010  
860.583.8917  
www.cleanharbors.com

*Via eMail Attachment*

May 7, 2020

Mr. Robert J. Longo  
Superintendent  
Bristol Water and Sewer Department  
119 Riverside Avenue  
Bristol, CT 06010

RE: Resumption of Discharges and Future Action Items  
Clean Harbors of Connecticut, Inc.  
Permit #SP0000109

Dear Mr. Longo,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us this morning. Pursuant to our conversation, it is our understanding that the City of Bristol has agreed to permit Clean Harbors of Connecticut, Inc. ("CHCI"), located at 51 Broderick Road, Bristol, CT, to resume our industrial wastewater discharges, effective immediately. As discussed, discharges will be metered to approximately 150 to 200 gallons per minute ("gpm"), which represents the lowest flow possible given our existing pump configuration.

We also discussed the following four (4) action items that CHCI will undertake within the next seven days:

1. Design an alternative pumping system using a minimum design flow of 90 to 100 gpm.
2. While CHCI has already initiated a review of the customer base that can contribute significant nitrate compounds to the effluent composition, that review will be accelerated in order to determine if the acceptance of a particular waste stream (or waste streams) can effectively alter nitrate levels. Additionally, CHCI will initiate a review of the facility's effluent quality in the discharges that occurred on January 30, February 3, April 3, and May 4, 2020 to identify any existing correlations between the impacts observed at the City of Bristol's sewer treatment plant ("POTW") and individual contributors from our current customer base.
3. Collect split samples, representative of the next five (5) discharges, for submission to a certified third-party analytical laboratory to confirm nitrate concentrations as reported by CHCI's laboratory.

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4. Present the City of Bristol with a conceptual long-term solution to decrease the nitrate concentration in future discharges from our facility.

We greatly appreciate your continued willingness to work with us to investigate and resolve potential root causes of the impacts that have been observed at the POTW. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact me at (617) 721-7315 or via email at [smith.donald@cleanharbors.com](mailto:smith.donald@cleanharbors.com). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald A. Smith".

Donald A. Smith, P.E.  
Sr. Environmental Compliance Manager

cc: Mr. Barry Fogle, EVP Environmental Technical Services – Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.  
Mr. Michael A. Foley, SVP Facility Operations – Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.  
Mr. William F. Connors, SVP Environmental Compliance – Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.  
Mr. James C. Childress, VP Compliance East – Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.  
Mr. Richard Harrington, Director Facility Operations – Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.  
Mr. Bryan Campbell, Facility General Manager – Clean Harbors of Connecticut, Inc.  
Mr. Thomas White, Project Manager – Clean Harbors of Connecticut, Inc.  
Mr. Sean Hennessey, Director of Sewer – Bristol Water and Sewer Department  
Ms. Michelle Gore – CT DEEP  
Mr. George Meados – CT DEEP