

**BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

The January 15, 2020 meeting of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority (BLRWPCA) was called to order by the Chair, Robert Morra, at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Morra (Chair), William Phillips, Daniel Wright, and Richard Hayes

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Michael Purcaro and Joshua Kelly (Administrator).

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Grasis.

The Chair appointed all present alternates to sit for absent members and vacant seats.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – October 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION: It was asked that all instances where it was suggested that Robert Grasis was a true alternate rather than an advisor be removed from the minutes.

MOTION by Hayes, seconded by Purcaro, to accept the October 30, 2019 meeting minutes with the aforementioned corrections.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Correspondence

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5A – Report on Connections

DISCUSSION: Kelly described the fact that 9 Orchard Lane (Bolton) disconnected due to a fire in the structure. 1 Tolland Road (Bolton) has been connected and 100 Wildwood Road (Vernon) has not yet been charged usage fees as the new structure on that site is not yet habitable. Hayes presented a questions about the location and ownership of 1 Tolland Road.

AGENDA ITEM 5C – FY 2020 Budget

DISCUSSION: Kelly presented income and expense sheets. Considerable discussion ensued about current year expenses and how that will impact the next year's budget.

Purcaro asked that the bank be contacted to discuss the high banking fee that the Authority is being charged on an annual basis. Questions were asked about the FY 2021 draft budget, and the Administrator and Chair spoke to the numbers presented on that draft document.

Discussion was held on the need to build up a capital reserve in order to prepare for future grinder pump replacement.

It was asked by Hayes that the issue of the Phase I valve breakage be added to the April agenda.

A question was asked by the Chair as to whether we would need to flush the system on a regular basis, to which Grasis suggested that it may not be necessary, at least on a regular basis.

Purcaro asked about revenue lines and the rationale behind it, and Grasis asked about the reduced odor control costs as compared to the FY 2020 budgeted amount. Purcaro also asked about the total amount of bioxide used by the Authority on an annual basis with the thought that Vernon and the Authority may be able to buy their supplies together for a lower total cost.

Discussion was held on how the public should be noticed about the budget meeting. It was decided that the notice would go out with the next set of bills issued, that it would be posted on the Lake Association and Bolton Town websites, and that both towns would make a good-faith effort to otherwise spread the word to inform the public. Hayes asked that the Authority members be shown the updated draft budget before it is posted online for public viewing.

AGENDA ITEM 5D(i) – Expansion to Sewer Service Area: Town of Coventry

DISCUSSION: Discussion was held on the difficulties presented by the State in connecting the sewer line to Coventry. It was noted that there may soon be legislative solutions to the dilemma at hand. Members were asked to submit comments to the Chair and Administrator in case the Chair decides to submit a letter to a state agency about the connection possibility.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Report of the Chair

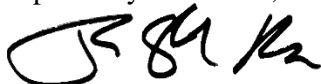
DISCUSSION: The Chair noted to the other members that newly-appointed Administrator Kelly is always available for a call, and that Authority members not need to be shy about reaching out.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Additional Matters & Other Business

DISCUSSION: Wright asked the chair if assessments would have to be paid up front on new developments in the area. Discussion ensued on the total up-front costs for sewer connection and how it is relatively cheaper than the long-term costs of a septic system. Hayes asked that the Administrator provide the members with a list of unconnected properties at the next meeting. Hayes also requested that packet items be sent out sooner.

MOTION by Hayes, seconded by Purcaro, to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joshua Steele Kelly, Administrator