

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
Board of Certification of Operators
Of Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Meeting minutes April 6, 2005

MEMBERS in ATTENDANCE: Rick Dionne, Julia Forgue, Bill Patenaude and Ray Wright

OTHER in ATTENDANCE: Matt Puglia, RIDEM

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The first item was the draft March 2, 2005 meeting minutes

Mr. Dionne motioned to approve the minutes as given. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. With all other members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next item was on the agenda the draft April 6, 2005 executive meeting minutes

Mr. Dionne motioned to approve the minutes as given. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. With all other members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was Operator Enforcement Actions. Mr. Patenaude briefed the board on two outstanding cases at the Narragansett Bay Commission's Fields Point Facility, and the decision by two operators to allow their suspension to stand without appeal. Legal counsel is waiting to hear from the third and final individual.

The next item on the agenda to be discussed was the issue of Mandatory Retraining Legislation. Mr. Patenaude briefed the Board that the present House Bill that would enable the Board to require such retraining had been heard in committee but had as yet not been voted out of committee. Board members provided Mr. Patenaude with input regarding recent discussions they have had regarding this matter, with hopes that some resolution may be found to minimize impact to both operators and communities should the requirement go forward.

The next item on the agenda was the Freedom Bay classification, which had been discussed at the Board at previous meetings. Subsequent review's of the proposed plan by DEM's O&M section had resulted in the provisional lowering of point values for Ion Exchange and Reverse Osmosis, which would make the facility a Grade 2. The Board had discussed the existing point values, and had determined that technological changes since the regulations promulgation made the operation of such systems easier, and therefore would make appropriate the lowering of such point classifications.

Under new business, Mr. Patenaude announced to the Board that DEM employee and Board administrative assistant was the new mother of Sophia Pena, and that mother and daughter were healthy.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the March 2, 2005 meeting. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. With all members voting in favor the motion passed.

The next meeting will be May 4th, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at 235 Promenade St., Providence, Room 280 in Providence.