

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Board of Certification of Operators
Of Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2004

Members in Attendance: Rick Dionne, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude and Ray Wright

Other in Attendance: Traci Lima, DEM

The first item discussed were the draft May 5, 2004 open and closed meeting minutes.

After Board review, Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. With all other members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5(a), Mr. Patenaude requested that the Board convene to executive session to discuss an enforcement matter at a wastewater treatment facility in Rhode Island.

Mr. Patenaude led a role call of votes to convene into Executive Session: Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Dionne, Mr. Wright and Mr. Patenaude all voted in favor of convening into executive session.

After completing specific business in executive session, Mr. Patenaude made a motion to reopen the meeting into open session. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of opening the meeting.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the June 2, 2004 executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda discussed was an update of House Bill 7707. Mr. Patenaude informed the Board that the bill passed on May 5 and is in the Senate Regulations Committee. Mr. Dionne also added that he was unsure if it would pass because the bill does not pose a financial interest to the State.

The next item discussed were the results of the May 25, 2004 exam. Mr. Patenaude revised the exams and omitted all of the questions with answers containing "all of the above" and "none of the above". He also informed the Board the exam certification licensing fees would be increasing significantly for first time licensure through examination. Mr. Wright thought perhaps a section may be added on new applications to include information on the number of times an applicant has taken the exam.

The next item discussed was the next Board meeting. As the next meeting on July 7, 2004 was not good for most members a rescheduled meeting is needed. Members present discussed possible dates and a time will be set.

In new business, Board membership status was discussed.

Also in new business, was an application for reciprocity for an Aram Varjabedian, whose application will be placed on the next agenda for a decision.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the June 2, 2004 meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor the motion passed.