

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Board of Certification of Operators
Of Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2004

Members in Attendance: Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude, Jon Schock, Tom White, Rick Dionne and Ray Wright

Others in Attendance: Paul Nordstrom, Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC)
Greg Schultz and Traci Lima, DEM

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5(a), Mr. Patenaude requested that the Board convene into 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. White, Mr., Kurdziel, Mr. Schock, Mr. Dionne, Ms. Forgue 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. Schock seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of opening the meeting and the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude made a motion to request additional information from NBC regarding the enforcement matter and to get additional information on the supervisors, Steven Silverbush and Joseph DeMayo. Mr. Schock seconded the motion, all members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Another motion made in executive session by Mr. Schock was to send a notice to individuals regarding possible misconduct while performing duties as an operator at a Rhode Island wastewater treatment facility and to invite said individuals to an informal "show-cause hearing" on July 14, 2004. Also state in the letter that their license could be at risk of becoming revoked or suspended. At this time the individuals would be able to provide the Board additional information on such allegations. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion, all members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the June 16, 2004 executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Dionne seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next item discussed in open session was the matter of Aram Varjabedian's application for Grade 4 reciprocity. Mr. Patenaude stated that Grade 4 reciprocity usually is not issued unless the individual is in the position of superintendent or assistant superintendent. If an individual did not hold one of those positions, the highest license that could be granted would be a Grade 3.

After Board review, Mr. Schock motioned to approve Mr. Varjabedian's application for reciprocity for Grade 3 licensure. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion, all members present voted in favor, the motion passed.

The next item discussed in open session was the draft open June 2, 2004 meeting minutes.

After Board review, Mr. Dionne motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion. Ms. Forgue, Mr. Schock and Mr. White abstained from the vote, as they were not present at the June 2, 2004 meeting. All other members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

The final item discussed was the June 2, 2004 executive session meeting minutes.

After Board review, Mr. Patenaude motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Dionne seconded the motion. Ms. Forgue, Mr. Schock and Mr. White abstained from the vote as they were not present at the June 2, 2004 meeting. All other members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the June 16, 2004 meeting. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor the motion passed.