



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

### Board of Certification of Operators Of Wastewater Treatment Facilities

#### MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

**Members in attendance:** Richard Dionne, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude, Jon Schock, Tom White and Ray Wright

**Others in attendance:** Traci Pena, DEM  
Janine Burke and Brian Lavallee

Mr. Patenaude opened the meeting with the review of the draft June 2006 minutes.

**Mr. Schock motioned to approve the June open minutes with the correction of minor grammatical errors. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.**

The next item to be discussed was an update on Mandatory Retraining. Mr. Patenaude noted that the bill was altered in the Senate to include a clause for “grandfathering” existing operators. The House did not have time to reconsider the bill prior to the close of business, and so the bill did not pass this legislative year. Mr. Dionne noted that he was surprised that grandfathering was raised as an issue.

**Mr. Patenaude then made a motion to convene into executive session per §42-46-5(a)(4) in order to discuss issues involving certified Rhode Island wastewater operators and potential civil or criminal misconduct at a Rhode Island wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call voting in the affirmative: Mr. Dionne, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. White, Dr. Wright, Ms. Forgue and Mr. Schock. Mr. Patenaude recused himself from the discussion as one matter involved the possible perception of a conflict of interest.**

**Mr. Schock motioned to seal the September 6, 2006 Executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Patenaude who abstained as did not take part in a portion of the discussion. As such the motion passed.**

**Mr. Patenaude made a motion to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.**

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Resuming the open meeting, Mr. Patenaude welcomed representatives of the Narragansett Water Pollution Control Association to present to the Board the Association's success at the 2006 New England Wastewater Operator's Challenge. The team, made up of Brian Lavallee, Don Shurtleff, Scott Goodinson, Robert Sheridan and Captain Dave Perotta, performed sufficiently to nominate them for the national completion this October in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Patenaude commended the team for their personal efforts in representing so well the state's wastewater operator profession, and wished them luck in the national trials.

With no other business,

**Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. White seconded the motion. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in conference room 280C in the Office of Water Resources on the second floor of the Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade St., Providence.

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