

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

SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS in ATTENDANCE: Rick Dionne, Julia Forgue, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude, Tom White and Ray Wright

OTHERS in ATTENDANCE: Traci Pena, DEM

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The first item on the agenda was the review of the July 13, 2005 open meeting minutes.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve the July 13th OPEN meeting minutes as amended. Mr. White seconded the motion. Ms. Forgue and Messers. Dionne, Kurdziel, and Wright voted in favor, and as such the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda were the CLOSED meeting minutes.

Mr. White motioned to approve the CLOSED meeting minutes. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion. Ms. Forgue and Messers. Dionne, Kurdziel and Wright voted in favor, and as such the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was Enforcement Cases. Greg Shultz, the Board's legal counsel, developed a Consent Agreement for a pending enforcement case. The Agreement was sent out by the legal office and came back due to the wrong address. The Agreement was being reissued with a new date and a decision would need to be made by the October 5th meeting.

The next item on the agenda was an update on mandatory retraining. Mr. Patenaude gave DEM Director Michael Sullivan, a memo regarding mandatory retraining outlining the training cost/benefits. Mr. Dionne thought it would a good idea to send a letter to licensed operators soliciting their opinions on the topic and get them involved and also to lay out the details. Mr. Patenaude noted that perhaps an insert soliciting operators input should be included in this year's renewal package.

Mr. Dionne made a motion to include information regarding the proposed legislation on mandatory retraining in the renewal information to be distributed in late November and to solicit comments from operators. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the Reciprocity application for Bradford Stetson of the Newport WWTF. Mr. Stetson is seeking a position as the Assistant Superintendent at the Newport WWTF. While his application states that he has 10 years experience in the field from a Massachusetts's facility, the application did not adequately specify the exact time(s) of employment in positions of responsible charge and non-responsible charge. Mr. Patenaude had requested that information at an earlier date, but had not yet received it for this meeting. Mr. Stetson has a Massachusetts Full Grade 7C license, which is equivalent to Rhode Island's Grade 4.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to approve Mr. Stetson's application pending additional information received with regard to Mr. Stetson's experience in direct responsible charge. Mr. White seconded the motion. Messers. Dionne, Kurdziel, White and Wright voted in favor and the motion passed. Ms. Forgue recused herself from the vote.

The next item was new business.

Due to Mr. Shock's recent conflict on Wednesdays, Mr. Patenaude inquired if the Board would want to change the meeting to another day of the week. It was the consensus of the Board to maintain the current schedule.

Mr. Patenaude commended the Town of Warren WWTF, operated by Aquarion Water, and the town-operated East Greenwich facility for their Voluntary nitrogen removal efforts. Mr. Patenaude also wanted to thank the Town of Burrillville for providing assistance to the Town of Warren during the process.

Mr. White informed the Board of the NWPCA Annual Trade Show to be held on September 16, 2005 at the Twelve Acres Banquet House in Smithfield.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Forgue seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 280 of the DEM Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI.