

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

# Town of Trumbull

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**Water Pollution Control Authority  
Special Meeting  
June 3, 2009**

In attendance:

George Biagioni, Chairman  
Jack Goncalves, Vice Chairman  
Donald Aiello, Secretary  
Janine Salvey  
Karen Egri, Alternate  
Paul Kallmeyer

Also In Attendance:

Joseph Solemene, W.P.C.A. Administrator  
Neil Lieberthal, Town Attorney  
John A. Del Vecchio, Director of Public Works

Chairman Biagioni called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

REGIONAL WPCA

The Commission discussed the Regional WPCA. Chairman Biagioni stated Bridgeport has a problem with storm water combining with sewage. The problem can be fixed but will be expensive and the user fee will have to be increased. It is not a good deal for Trumbull. Commissioner Goncalves agreed, adding how do you justify to a property owner who paid their assessment that the Town is going to sell the asset they paid for. Will future sewer users who get sewers under a regional WPCA have to pay assessments or will they be paid by the regional WPCA? Mr. Kallmeyer stated he is opposed to regionalization. The people in Trumbull have no debt with the exception of the outstanding assessments. We paid for the infrastructure to get our sewage to the Bridgeport treatment plant and we paid for the upgrade of the plant. We don't want to pay for that again. How much will Monroe pay? Monroe has no debt but no sewers. They will have to pay a lot. Mr. Kallmeyer spoke with Bill Hogan at the DEP, who advised Mr. Kallmeyer that when the regional WPCA is discussed we need to put on the table our non-negotiables. He also advised that the suburbs should demand that Bridgeport not have a controlling vote. Commissioner Salvey feels our present situation is better than the unknown, and she is not for regionalization.

TRUMBULL/MONROE AGREEMENT

Chairman Biagioni stated Monroe is requesting the Jewish Home for the Elderly be allowed to connect to our sewer system, and they keep asking what we want in return. Bridgeport will not agree to Trumbull's requirements. Chairman Biagioni feels this is a deal-breaker. We are investigating the feasibility of our own treatment plant. We cannot let someone into our system at this time because if we ever get our treatment plant they are already in our system and we don't know what we can do with them later to share the cost. Mr. Kallmeyer asked if there is any interest in separating the issue by allowing the Jewish Home for the Elderly and not the additional development, although he wouldn't agree with it. There was not. Mr. Goncalves stated that by helping the JHE you are setting a precedent. Mr. Kallmeyer also stated once the flow is connected it won't stop and more than likely will grow.

- **Motion (AIELLO) seconded (SALVEY) to reject joining the regional WPCA.**  
Discussion: Mr. Kallmeyer asked to amend the motion to add **at this time**. Motion withdrawn.
- **Motion (AIELLO) seconded (SALVEY). The Trumbull WPCA is opposed to regionalization at this time. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Motion (SALVEY) seconded (AIELLO) to deny Monroe's request to connect to the Trumbull sewer system because it is not in the best interest of the Trumbull WPCA and the Town of Trumbull at this time. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no other business before the Authority,

- **Motion (SALVEY) seconded (GONCALVES) to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Francese  
Clerk of the Commission