

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

Meeting minutes November 2, 2005

MEMBERS in ATTENDANCE: Rick Dionne, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude and Ray Wright

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

The first item was the draft October 2005 meeting minutes

Mr. Dionne motioned to approve the minutes as given. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. With all other members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was enforcement action processes. Mr. Patenaude spoke with the Board about his enforcement role with the DEM Office of Water Resources, and suggested that such a role with DEM and the Board could make him biased in any formal hearing that the Board would be undertaking. Those present discussed Mr. Patenaude's concerns.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to allow Board legal counsel to take a lead on hearing information gathering, to assist Mr. Patenaude in removing any bias should a hearing go forward in future matters. Mr. Dionne seconded the motion. With all other members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. White had specific questions on the process of a hearing, which Mr. Patenaude answered. Matters regarding hearing procedure were deferred until Mr. Patenaude could meet with both Mr. Schultz (who was out on medical leave) and Kathleen Lanphear, of the DEM AAD Office.

The next items on the agenda were mandatory retraining and examination reviews. No further information was available on the former. Mr. Patenaude informed the Board that results for the September 16th exam were sent out, and that two facilities did have to terminate employees who had not passed the Grade 1 exam within the one-year period.

With no further business, Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn the March 2, 2005 meeting. Mr. Dionne seconded the motion. With all members voting in favor the motion passed.

The next meeting was noted to be December 7th, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at 235 Promenade St., Providence, Room 280 in Providence.