



**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS
OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2012

Members in Attendance: Paul Desrosiers, Fred Kurdziel, Frank McLynch, Dr. Gene Park, Bill Patenaude, and Jon Schock

Others in Attendance: Traci Pena, Alex Pinto and Matt Puglia, RI DEM
Greg Schultz, Esq. Rhode Island Attorney General's Office

The first matter discussed was the minutes of the October meeting.

After review, Mr. Schock voted to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion, with all eligible members voting in favor the motion passed.

The next item was the draft October Executive Session meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. Patenaude voted to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Schock seconded the motion, will all eligible members voting in favor the motion passed.

Per §42-46-4 and §42-46-5(a)(4), Mr. Patenaude motioned to convene into executive session in order to discuss an issue regarding Rhode Island wastewater treatment operators related to possible civil or criminal misconduct Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to send a letter to two certified Rhode Island wastewater operators noting that the Board had information related to their status of "in good standing" as defined by the Rules and Regulation; the letters would invite them before the Board to offer additional information if they so choose. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, as such the motion passed.

After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to send a letter of warning to a certified Rhode Island wastewater operator addressing the issue of failing to notify the RIDEM of the violations. Mr. Desrosiers seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor, the motion passed.

After discussion, Mr. Patenaude motioned to issue a certified Rhode Island wastewater operator a Notice of Intent of License Revocation and be invited to provide additional information to the Board at its December 2012 meeting. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. As such the motion passed.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to resume the meeting into open session. Mr. McLynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call in the affirmative: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to seal the November 7, 2012 Executive Session meeting minutes. Dr. Park seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call in the affirmative: Mr. Patenaude, Mr. McLynch, Mr. Kurdziel, Mr. Desrosiers, Dr. Park, and Mr. Schock all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Schock exited the meeting for a prior commitment.

The next item was the review of the draft Regulations. Mr. Desrosiers reported that he has not met with the Association regarding the Regulations.

After brief discussion Mr. McLynch voted to move forward and prepare to go to Public Notice with the draft Rules and Regulations for Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators. Mr. Desrosiers seconded. With all members present voting in favor the motion was passed.

Mr. Patenaude reported that the superintendent in Block Island has retired and that the town is deliberating staffing and licensure options. The town may soon seek guidance from the Board on this matter.

In new business, Dr. Park reported that it would be his last meeting as he has taken a position out of state. The Board thanked Dr. Park for his service and wished him well on his future endeavors.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Park. All members present voted in favor as such the motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the RIDEM office located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI.