

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS
OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 3, 2002

Members in Attendance: Rick Dionne, Fred Kurdziel, Bill Patenaude, and Ray Wright

Others in Attendance: Joel Burke, Superintendent, Warwick Sewer Authority
Greg Schultz, Esq., DEM Legal Services
Traci Lima

Mr. Patenaude called the meeting to order at 9:35.

The first order of business was the review of the September 19, 2002 open meeting minutes.

After review, Mr. Dionne motioned to approve the minutes with amendments discussed by the Board. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

A review of the September 19, 2002 closed meeting minutes was tabled to the next meeting.

Mr. Dionne commented on the new application for certification dated September 2002. He stated that Jack Martin, the Superintendent of the Burrillville WWTF (at which Mr. Dionne works) expressed concerns regarding Section 5 of the application, which requires plant superintendents to sign the application. According to Mr. Dionne, Mr. Martin did not feel as though superintendents could accept responsibility of employee's past job experience. Mr. Patenaude stated that he had not heard these concerns from other superintendents, but agreed that a letter could be sent to superintendents explaining the intent of the application. The intent is to confirm existing job duties and current employment information.

Mr. Schultz then stated that he had received a letter from David Gaipo, an employee from AquaSource. Mr. Gaipo wanted to know his appeal options regarding a recent Board decision. Mr. Schultz will be sending Mr. Gaipo a letter stating his appeal options and suggesting if Mr. Gaipo wanted to pursue further action, he should seek other legal opinion.

Pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-5(a), Mr. Patenaude requested that the Board convene in executive session to discuss the job performance of a former employee from the Warwick Sewer Authority, Mr. Timothy Barry.

Mr. Patenaude motioned to adjourn into closed executive session. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting then adjourned into executive session, with Mr. Burke present.

After completing the specific business in closed session, the meeting re-opened into open session with a motion by Mr. Patenaude to open the meeting. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Per Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-7(c) the votes made in closed session needed to made and confirmed in open session.

The first vote, made by Mr. Patenaude, was to continue the matter of Mr. Barry until all members of the Board were present. Mr. Kurdziel seconded the motion, all members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

The second vote by Mr. Kurdziel was to seal the closed minutes of the October 3, 2002 meeting minutes. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, all members voted in favor and the motion passed.

A motion was made to open up the meeting by Mr. Wright seconded by Mr. Kurdziel, all members present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Another meeting in October will be scheduled in conference room 280C in the Office of Water Resources on the 2nd floor of the Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence.