

**CAWPCA  
Board of Directors  
Meeting  
12:00 P.M. – Wednesday, August 24, 2016  
Greater New Haven WPCA – Conference Room  
260 East Street  
New Haven, CT 06511  
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Larry Murphy, Robbie Marshall, Tom Sgroi, Denis Cuevas, Brian Armet, Bill Robinson, Lee McNamar, Jay Sheehan, Andrew Lord (via phone)  
Absent: Joseph Schwartz, Bill Brink

Call to Order

President Tom Sgroi called the meeting to order at 12:17 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held on July 21, 2016
  - Motion – Brian Armet – to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2016, with the condition of correcting the resolution for signatories to meet Citizen Bank requirements.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Robbie Marshall
    - Vote – Passed Unanimously
  
2. Treasurer's Report & Tax Issues
  - a. Financial Status (informal)

Andrew indicated that the balance in our account is \$23,521.94. Previous balance at the July Meeting was \$18,833.44. No vote was taken on approving the Treasurer's Report
  - b. We have received notice from the Secretary of State that our Annual Report is overdue.
  - c. Andrew reviewed interpretation of 501(c) (6) vs 501(c) (3) and noted it is recommended that we stay a 501(c) (6), as 501(c) does not allow lobbying. CAWPCA was originally formed in 2003. An accountant suggested we file tax exempt for now and going forward use post card filings. Another alternative is to be considered a new company with our first file next year. We will have to hire representation to clear up post card filings and IRS record of non-profit status.
  - d. Tom will check with NEWEA to see if they can offer direction.
  
  - e. Discussed Avon BOD Chair Tom Armstrong request to involve CAWPCA in labor law statute threshold changes. Statute 31-53g currently excludes new projects less than \$400k and rehab projects less than \$100K from requiring labor wage rates. These amounts became law in 1991 and have not changed since. Tom Armstrong suggested that CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM) would take the lead on supporting a Consumer Price Index change in these amounts to reflect cost of living and inflation over the last 25 years. No formal vote was taken however initial discussion proved in favor of supporting such a reasonable change. Tom Sgroi will inform Tom Armstrong of the Board's general support until more formal language and direction could be established by CCM
  
3. NEWEA Support to CAWPCA
  - a. Tom distributed a spreadsheet of anticipated assistance we would need from NEWEA in order to remain sustainable. He outlined a first year cost of approximately \$8,000 to get things initiated, anticipating that the price will decrease the following year and going forward, once services are in more of a maintenance mode.

Motion – Jay Sheehan – Vote to allow Tom Sgroi a budget of \$8,000 to work with NEWEA on the startup of Association Support.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Brian Armet  
Vote – Passed Unanimously

**4. Octoberfest Fall Networking Event**

- a.** Larry has been working on an Octoberfest Event tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Prospect Café in West Hartford. It would provide a great opportunity to network. Ned Beecher will be at the New Radisson in Cromwell on October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Motion – Jay Sheehan – Vote to go forward with event with a budget NTE \$1,000 or a corporate sponsorship.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Brian Armet  
Vote – Passed Unanimously

**5. Fall Workshop**

- a.** Brian has contacted Tom Tyler, who is considering participating in our forum on sludge & incineration. He will let Brian know of his availability.
- b.** Melissa Hamkins, Wright-Pierce Engineer is confirmed.
- c.** Brian will contact Synagro.
- d.** Jay approached Mike Curtis, formerly of F&O, who is involved with the Food Waste Treatment System to be installed in Southington (food digestion). Mike is on board & Jay will finalize the detail with him.
- e.** Tom will reach out to Nick Holly from Pelican Corp. and also Derek Brown from DOT.

**6. Manager's Meeting**

- a.** Jay will be at the Manager's Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 P.M.

Motion – Jay Sheehan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Brian Armet