

**The Town of Clinton**  
**Water Pollution Control Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**  
**Rose Room, 7:00 PM**  
*54 East Main St. Clinton, CT 06413*  
**AGENDA**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Matthew Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

Present: Kennedy, Vice-Chair Laura Peterson, Hal Dolan and Al Walker.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Recognition of Guests**

The Chair recognized guests Anna and Sozon Albanis and DTC designated appointee to the WPCC, Grant Kokernak.

**4. Approval of Minutes: Feb. 26, 2019**

L. Peterson amended the minutes to correct the spelling of G. Kokernak's last name. A. Walker made a **motion** to approve the minutes of Feb. 26, 2019 as amended. H. Dolan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Correspondence**

None

**6. Invoices:**

L. Peterson made a **motion** to pay ECL Invoice #57670 for water sampling at the Indian River complex on 3/6/2019 \$152.50. H. Dolan seconded the motion. A discussion followed concerning the monthly testing at Indian River. Walter will contact ECL and CRAHD to determine how to revert back to quarterly testing. All in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Budget Update**

Review and discussion of the current status of the 2018-2019 budget.

**8. Old/New Business**

**Hazard Mitigation Plan**

First Selectman C. Goupil asked each department to review the 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan. G. Kokernak volunteered to do this review on behalf of the WPCC.

**Letter re Problem pump out reports**

Walter composed a follow up letter to be sent to property owners that have issues with their septic systems as per reporting on the Carmody data base. General discussion of the document

concluded with the addition of a caveat/notice stating "These are conditions that were noted by your pumper. Other conditions may exist." Walter will edit the document and forward it to Kennedy and Peterson for final approval before implementing its use.

#### **Downtown Update**

General discussion of the Town's Facility Plan. Citing an email from C. Goupil dated March 6, 2019 stating her interest in receiving input from the WPCC prior to her meeting with the Ct. Water Co., the commission members discussed the questions they had submitted.

A. Walker made a **motion** to contact C. Goupil and ask if the WPCC's questions for the Ct. Water Co. were asked and if so- what was their response. H. Dolan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

General discussion of Downtown phase of Facilities Plan. The meeting will help determine the next steps in the town's course of action for this phase. A joint meeting of DEEP, the Ct. River Area Health District (CRAHD), CDM Smith, Atty. Matt Ranelli, the Ct. Dept. of Public Health (DPH) the WPCC and C. Goupil is being put together at this time.

#### **Lagoon Closure Update**

M. Kennedy gave a brief outline of the final steps involved in the lagoon closure. Surveyor Don Gesick has completed the necessary survey, ECL will complete the water testing this week and CDM Smith will write the final closure report to file with the state in the next week or so.

#### **Add Backwash Information to Website**

The Commission looked at the document outlining DPH rules for water-treatment wastewater and decided to hold off on adding them to the website until CRAHD has weighed in on the document.

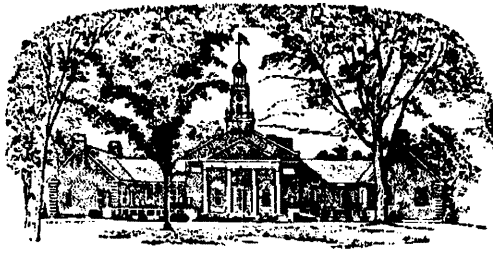
#### **9. Chairman's / Commissioner's Comments**

M. Kennedy thanked G. Kokernak on behalf of the Commission for attending the meeting and volunteering to join the Commission.

#### **10. Adjournment**

A. Walker made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:56PM. L. Peterson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Walter  
Recording Clerk



## Water Pollution Control Commission

### Town of Clinton

54 East Main Street

Clinton, CT 06413

860-664-1123

Matthew Kennedy - Chair

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ Property Owner,

Thank you for having your septic tank pumped recently by a Town approved licensed septic pumper. It's through efforts such as yours that we protect and preserve the health of Clinton's groundwater.

The pumper that you hired filed a report of your clean-out using the Carmody, Inc. data recording system. The pumper's report indicated that the following checked conditions exist and should be addressed: \*

**Inlet Tee Missing**

An inlet baffle focuses water into the tank and prevents agitation and cycling of solids in the tank's first compartment allowing them to settle.

**Outlet Tee Missing**

An outlet baffle is a critical piece of hardware that is necessary for proper functioning of your septic system. The septic tank outlet tee blocks floating scum and sewage from flowing out of the tank where it would rapidly clog the drain field and effluent piping. Sending solid waste out of the septic tank into the drainfield (absorption area) will certainly lead to clogging of the soils there, shortening the life of the drainfield.

**Needs a Riser**

As of Jan. 2001, CT Public Health Code states that any septic tank that is deeper than 12" in the ground must have a riser(s) installed over the clean-out(s) of the septic tank. A septic tank riser is simply a large diameter round pipe, that is placed over the septic tank cleanout opening to extend that opening up to close to the ground surface so that the septic pumping company does not have to dig deep into the soil in order to reach the septic tank

**Heavy Solids**

More frequent pumping may be called for.

**Heavy Grease**

Grease should never enter household drains and allowed to enter your septic system. Grease will cause soil clogging, premature failure and may result in a costly repair to your septic system.

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**Clean-Out Lid Not Intact or broken**

This can be a very dangerous situation and a replacement or repair is necessary to avoid what could be a very unfortunate accident.

**Recommend more frequent pumping**

Due to the conditions found with your septic system, your pumper recommended more frequent pumping. A two to four-year schedule is recommended for your next septic tank cleaning.

**Effluent Runback**

Effluent flowed back into the septic tank from your leaching system - this may indicate that your leaching system is not working in an effective manner and has absorption issues. Watch out for other symptoms that your system is malfunctioning.

\* These are conditions noted by your pumper. Other conditions may exist.

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**Failure symptoms: Mind the signs!**

A foul odor is not always the first sign of a malfunctioning septic system.  
Call a septic professional if you notice any of the following-

- Wastewater backing up into household drains.
- Bright green, spongy grass on the drainfield, especially during dry weather.
- Pooling water or muddy soil around your septic system or in your basement.
- A strong odor around the septic tank and drainfield.

**Your septic tank**

