Town of Montville Water & Sewer Commission REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 7, 2023-- 6:00 PM Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Water and Sewer Commission

a. Call to Order

Chairman Longton called the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

c. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Kevin Lathrop, Chuck Longton, Town Councilor Alfred Mandler, and Frank Miceli. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance was Superintendent Derek Albertson, Mayor Ronald McDaniel and Bill Pieniadz of P & H Construction.

- **d.** Alterations to the Agenda -- *None*
- e. To consider and act on a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2023. (It is noted for the record that the September 1, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes were filed with the Town Clerk on September 8, 2023 for posting.)

Motion by Commissioner Mandler; seconded by Commissioner Miceli to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 4-0-0; all in favor. **Motion carried.**

- **f.** Communications pertaining specifically to matters which concern the Commission -- None
- g. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda with a three-minute limit Chairman Longton asked three (3) times for remarks from the public. There were none.
- h. Report from Operations/Administration Division

Superintendent Albertson submitted an Operations/Administrative Report for August 2023, as follows:

1.0 Compliance/Process

1.1 Water Pollution Control Facility

The Montville Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) met required state and federal standards for effluent discharged to the Thames River. No complaints were received regarding the collection system or the WPCF.

Average daily influent flow to the WPCF was 2.1 mgd with a total treatment volume of 66 mg of wastewater. Removal efficiencies for key contaminants (BOD₅ and TSS) were both over 95%, respectively. Total Nitrogen (TN) loading was discharged in the treated effluent under the state permit limit (with removal efficiencies over 80%). No adverse process issues were encountered during the August storm events.

Approximately 50% of the treated effluent was recycled (sold) to Rand-Whitney Container Board's paperboard facility. On August 24, the RWCB wastewater discharge was bypassed from their discharge line to our municipal system (along Route 163) to allow for their continued production of paperboard.

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Waste activated sludge (WAS produced during secondary process) was dewatered effectively with the GBT resulting on a lower number of sludge hauls. The thickening of the waste sludge is the best for the year resulting in the lowest monthly total of sludge hauls. Grit removal has steadily improved in the pretreatment process.

1.2 Water Supply

The Montville Water Supply (WS) met required state and federal standards. No complaints were received. Routine (annual) flushing will not occur this year unless absolutely necessary due to the unaccounted-for-water issue.

As previously reported, an increase in non-revenue water (NRW) was observed after January 11 of this year. Several acoustic tests (day/night) did not identify uncontrolled releases. Approximately 18% non-revenue water (NRW) was calculated (much higher than the typical 5 to 8% loss) with a financial shortfall of 10%. Several acoustic tests (day/night) and multiple inspections along the water mains did not identify uncontrolled releases. Significant improvements (updates) to existing water metering equipment/software were made to best define billable water volumes. Meetings were held with Groton Utilities (GU) to confirm their meter reads adequately defined our purchased water volume. On July 31 a report was called in over surface water flowing from a vault behind the Dime Savings Bank (563 Norwich-New London Tpke). An examination showed a (broken) water lateral flowing into an open water well casing pipe. The line was capped with an examination of SCADA flow data since that time to determine the change in GU flow to the Montville WS. Based on the data review,

- pre Jan 11 overnight (low) average flow conditions: 70 gpm
- post Jan 11 overnight (low) average flow conditions: 160 gpm
- post capping/valving of identified leak in vault at Dime Savings Bank: 70 gpm

Preliminary data would suggest that this identified leak is the reason for the rise in NRW. Another water audit performed showed < 10% NRW for a 7-day period. Monthly audits will be conducted and likely, the amount of NRW will drop.

Kim Cruz, Research Technician, *Department of Environmental Conservation*, and Dr. Anita Milman, *Water Governance & Policy, Department of Environmental Conservation*, University of Massachusetts Amherst were met on August 11 to participate in a nationwide survey on the challenges faced by small community water systems and how partnerships might address those challenges.

2.0 Staff

2.1 Personnel

Three senior level workers will retire in less than 18 months. The Superintendent met with the HR Director on August 11 to formulate a plan for hiring a new Collections II Operator and Lab Director. Approximately 11% of water workers plan on retiring each year until 2026.

2.2 Health and Safety

A new COVID vaccine is due out next month, but health experts report that it is likely to be not well received even as hospitalizations are seeing an increase of Eris (a variant of the Omicron form of the coronavirus) rise around the country. Measures of COVID rates including virus levels in wastewater are increasing in New London County. Wastewater virus data is an important early warning signal- detecting COVID-19 infections (approximately seven days prior to outbreak) and before official test reporting.

Regardless of vaccination status, a person should isolate from others when they have COVID-19. A person should also isolate if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results. Formal isolation protocols were located on the CDC website and distributed to staff

Borden & Remington Corporation personnel were met onsite on August 14 to review safety procedures for off-loading bulk chemicals.

NOAA forecasters have increased the likelihood of an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season to 60% (increased from the outlook issued in May, which predicted a 30% chance). The likelihood

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of near-normal activity has decreased to 25%, down from the 40% chances outlined in May's outlook.

2.2 Training

Staff continued to receive training to meet CTDEEP and CTDPH requirements for (wastewater /water certification) training credits. The Superintendent attending the Biobot Analytics *Addressing High Risk Substance Use Through Wastewater Intelligence* webinar on August 1. The webinar reviews the ability to screen a community for illicit drug use through influent wastewater surveillance; real-time epidemiology from urban wastewater screening to prevent/ reduce overdoses. Cybersecurity training was also attended on August 14 and hydrogen sulfide in WPCFs on August 25.

3.0 Equipment

3.1 WPCF/Collection System

Two vehicle purchases (Chevrolet Equinox and Ford 550) were made as part of the FY 2024 CIP. Routine WPCF plant (direct/via SCADA HMIs) inspections are made daily to ensure operation of equipment is maximized. A complete review of all redundant equipment was made with some items listed on Municibid for sale with proceeds forwarded to the WPCA's general fund.

All pump stations were inspected and cleaned during the month as well as a large number of manhole inspections were made. CCTV sewer pipe/manhole inspections was conducted in prioritized areas (those areas identified in the 2010 and 2011 URS reporting/CIP Cross-Country Clearing areas).

During the recent power outage, it was evident that some of the stored diesel fuel was found to be "aged" or gelled. Subsequently, fuel "polishing" was conducted for each tank to ensure that the fuel is ready for use.

The USEPA sent a notification out on August 15 for water and wastewater systems to remain at high risk of becoming victims of Volt Typhoon (also known as BRONZESILHOETTE and VANGUARD PANDA), a People's Republic of China (PRC) state-sponsored cyber actor. System owners and operators should direct their network administrators to review this CSA and carry out the recommended mitigation procedures listed below. New information has been discovered on Volt Typhoon's network scanning and other reconnaissance activities at US entities in the energy, aviation, and defense sectors as recently as mid-June 2023. Network scanning and reconnaissance activities can allow a threat actor to gain information about a target's network and use that information to identify potential vulnerabilities to launch a future attack.

Paving along Route 163 lead to manhole inspections and cover/frame replacements. Approximately 2,200 feet of cleaning/CCTV inspection has occurred so far in 2023. Work within the collection system is recorded in the GIS system (inspection attributes) as record for potential regulatory review.

The RWCB discharge line is leaking in the vicinity of Depot Road and Route 32, Maple Avenue and Route 32 and other areas along Maple Avenue. Primary sampling of the discharge (as compared to their influent contribution to the WPCF) confirmed the pipe is leaking. Leak detection studies were carried out (hydrophone studies and dye testing and pressure testing). On August 13 and 14, reports of surface leaks were reported at 12 and 167 Maple Avenue, respectively. Excavation and repair were conducted on August 14 and 15. Per contract, we are responsible for the RWCB sewer/return lines. RWCB contributes money each year for this (\$200,000). RWCB has requested that P & H Construction conduct the initial repairs (Depot Road to Route 32 to Maple Avenue). New plumbing is considered as a long-term remedy for several lengths of line with C900 pipe for two other locations along Maple Avenue.

Pump No. 1 at Avery PS (one of the large four stations) failed due to a motor failure (due to seal water line break). The motor was replaced and the station was brought up to full capacity. The server for the Superintendent's Office failed requiring extensive data retrieval from existing files (scanning) as well as the server via retrieval software. The server was replaced.

U.S. water systems are facing significant problems including aging infrastructure, cybersecurity, a chronic skilled labor shortage and climate challenges as well as increased scrutiny with screening new analytical parameters.

4.0 Projects

4.1 WPCF/Collection System/Water Supply

The utility bridge repair project (above Stony Creek) was advanced with a defined scope of work presented at a project kickoff meeting on July 31.

The Cook Water Tower Project kickoff meeting was held on August 8 and 16 to define staff, procedures and initial construction concerns. A project walk-through was conducted for a neighbor on August 28.

4.2 Regulatory Oversight

August is *National Water Quality Month* promoting the protection of freshwater we need for our health, food, and environment. Clean water is a precious resource that we often take for granted. We can help improve the water quality for ourselves and other living beings by using fewer pesticides, disposing of hazardous waste properly, and reducing water consumption.

No regulatory oversight or action is ongoing for the WPCA. The plant is a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit holder. Additionally, two state permits (for nutrient removal as well as for stormwater management) exist for the plant. No existing state or federal *Consent Decrees* or *Consent Orders* currently exist.

The 2023 CTDEEP listing showed the WPCF to be one of the standout nutrient removal WPCFs.

The CTDEEP PFAS Sampling Study looked at 35 water resource recovery facilities (including the Montville WPCF) and with sampling/analysis for numerous PFAS analytes. The samples were from sources including influent, effluent, sludges fish tissue, and surface waters upstream and downstream from 10 facilities. In summary, 29 of the 35 targeted PFAS analytes were present in one or more wastewater and sludge samples. All said, this means more costs for treatment of wastewater and sludge disposal in the future.

The USEPA issued a memorandum on March 3, 2023, requiring states to evaluate the cybersecurity of operational technology used by public water systems (PWSs) when conducting sanitary surveys or through other state programs. The memorandum further explains various approaches to include cybersecurity in PWS sanitary surveys or other state programs. Upon review, the existing cybersecurity employed at the Montville WS meets or exceeds standards.

The Superintendent completed an online CTDPH survey for the upcoming 2023 Sanitary Survey scheduled for September 12. The last survey of the Montville Water Supply was completed remotely (November 2020) due to the COVID pandemic. The sanitary survey is completed pursuant to law (*RCSA Section 1913-B102*). The significant amount of work conducted within the distribution system (e.g., acoustic studies, flow studies, meter calibrations, meter replacements, physical inspections, GIS mapping, billing software/hardware improvements) will support a positive outcome to the CTDPH review.

The USEPA issued revisions to the federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) on January 15, 2021. The Revisions (LCRR) strengthen every aspect of the LCR to better protect communities in elementary schools and childcare facilities from the impacts of lead exposure. Over the next three years, the LCRR will require water systems to conduct an inventory of service lines and determine the material of those lines and fittings. The LCRR's inventory requires all water systems to develop an initial service line inventory by October 2024 or demonstrate the absence of Lead Service Lines. Lead Service Line Replacement Plans must then be created as a result of your inventory. Adequate funding is present to cover the expected costs of compliance. The distribution system is compliance with the LCRR.

5.0 Development

The sewer and water connection plans have been proposed for residential and commercial development. Residential development is proposed for 303 and 245 Route 32 and a gasoline filling

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station is proposed for 2040 Route 32; Fedus Engineering personnel were met on July 25 and August 3 for utility locations.

6.0 Finances

The WPCA operates within an *Enterprise Fund* (a business-like account with net-zero goals, that is AR should equal to AP, according to GAAP). The FY 2023 WPCA Sewer and Water Budgets began on July 1, 2022 and ended on June 30, 2023. The financial condition of both water and wastewater accounts are considered good. Even with the unaccounted-for-water condition, the fund balance line in the revenue should cover unexpected costs. A complete review of accounts will occur following the close of the FY.

Collection efforts have continued to be successful with a recent collection of over \$95,000 from a single residential owner.

In 2022, the average monthly water and sewer bill in the U.S. was \$118; that's up 51% since 2012-more than double the rate of inflation. The average Montville WPCA ratepayer pays \$42 a month (less than half the national average).

6.1 Accounts Review

Current rates (and ancillary fees) appear to be adequate at this time to cover costs for water and wastewater activities. For the last four years (on average) the revenues for the sewer account has risen almost 7% annually (above the national average) with a strong showing during the pandemic. It should be noted that the Town has a high collection rate (over 90%) which allows for a dependable revenue stream.

Per WPCA and TC approval, the WPCA FY 2024 Sewer Budget is approximately \$7.1 million and the Water Budget is \$1.91 million.

With the close of FY 2023, the WPCA finds itself in good financial condition. Depreciation is required to be posted, but it is not an "out of pocket expense" and as such is not considered a direct cost. Affordability of utility services is vital to our community. Yet, with rapid increases in infrastructure costs and due to aging infrastructure; defining, developing, measuring, and informing the public of the utility's condition is more critical than ever. No rate increase is required for sewer for the coming year even with significant investment into the infrastructure. A rate study will be conducted for the water account and applied, as required.

Septage receiving continues to be a significant source of revenue.

6.2 Assets

A formal review of the Construction-in-Progress occurred in June (year-end) to determine which completed and can be considered fixed assets.

6.3 Grants/Funding

Some current wastewater projects are funded by State funds including two bonds and one grant (CTDEEP \$5 million *Grant-in-Aid for Sewage Treatment Facility Infrastructure Improvements and Upgrades at the Montville WPTF- State Grant Agreement 2017-170491*, approved via March 2014 Town of Montville Resolution No. 2014-25). The bonds were for infrastructure improvements within the plant including the new chlorine system, new recycling pumps, and grit removal system. Additionally, the aeration systems for SBR-1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will be replaced. The Mayor requested an extension for the Grant. A review of the approximately \$4.5 million in grant monies (slated for the WPCF) indicated adequate funding for the proposed projects with an approximately \$200,000 margin. It is hopeful that this money will be used to remedy the concrete failing in SBR-4.

Based on a review of the WPCA's *Eligibility Application* the CTDPH DWS had determined that the Cook Water Tower replacement project was ready to proceed and that DWSRF funding will be available. The Finance Director was notified of the intent to pursue federal funding for the tower project. The potential exists for additional monies (\$500,000 more than the \$1 million allocated) for the project. The Office of the State Treasurer has drafted a Loan Agreement and Raul Tejada (Environmental Engineer 3, Drinking Water Section, State Department of Public Health) is currently reviewing the pertinent information. The scheduled completion date identified

is October 31, 2024. A Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan agreement package was signed by the Mayor on August 30 for the Cook Hill Tank Replacement Project (CTDPH Agreement #2024-7125).

The State DECD still recognizes the Town as a *Distressed Municipality*. The citation often allows consideration for certain funding and/or grants to enhance the community. In July, the USDA Rural Utilities Service announced a One Percent Loan program as an additional tool for the Water & Waste Disposal Grant Program. NRWA has been advocating for this affordable financing tool for three years as a direct result of concerns voiced by our utility system members. Many water infrastructure projects have exceeded their useful lives. This new One Percent Loan program provides financing for much-needed improvements to economically distressed systems and serves as another tool for USDA to help communities navigate unprecedented challenges facing the water sector, i.e., workforce, supply chain, and emerging contaminants.

6.4 Energy

A continued decrease in plant energy demand (15%) has been observed associated with the (more controlled) lower DO settings in the process tanks due to the new fine-bubble diffusers as well as the new (more efficient) turbo blowers. Please note that (electrical) energy is the single largest monthly expenditure. Electrical Energy is supplied to the plant by the Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. fuel cell (onsite generation by Unit #10587), Eversource (transmission) and First Point Power (generation). The power generation was formerly supplied by Constellation Energy. Approximately 90% of the electrical energy came from the fuel cell in June. The WPCA is using less public grid kWhs and KVARh this year. Each month a review of energy usage is conducted for each billing (i.e., plant, pump stations) to determine if there is a sudden rise in demand which often indicates mechanical problems (i.e. pump/motor failures). According to Dan Joyce (Balance Rock Energy) there is an expectation of energy costs in the future.

In March 2023, the Montville WPCA and Town signed a 20-year solar service agreement with N. Silver Brook, LLC- a Montville based renewable energy company. The agreement will save the Town of Montville more than \$850,000 and is structured for the town to receive the full savings amount within one year of the solar facility's completion. N. Silver Brook and its partners allocated solar energy from a Connecticut solar project in Naugatuck to the WPCA's electrical accounts. On June 9th, that project was selected as a winning bid in Connecticut's Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (NRES) program. All of the WPCA's electrical usage was assigned to the winning bid and will result in lower energy costs.

Superintendent Albertson remarked the plant had a good month with August processes doing well as expected this time of year and noted the quality of the effluent was very high. Removal efficiencies for key contaminants were both over 95% and nutrient removal was over 80%. Effluent to Rand-Whitney at 50-60% and was deemed of good quality by RWCB. Additionally, there were lower truck hauls of waste activated, thickening sludge—180 hauls in August 2022 versus 80 hauls in August 2023, a savings at a cost of \$550 per haul.

i. Report from Mayor.

Mayor McDaniel reported there are a couple of openings that will start to be posted.

j. Report from Engineers

Superintendent Albertson reported submitting to the Commission an engineering summary table of ongoing FY 2024 projects. He is still receiving information from engineers on the utility bridge at Stony Creek. The engineers who made an assessment of the bridge condition and the proposed remedy should be forwarded to the Commission next week.

k. Old Business -- None

I. New Business

0. To Consider and Act on Payment for the Repair/Bypass of the Rand Whitney Container Board (RWCB) Wastewater Discharge Line.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act for payment of \$93,030 to P & H

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Construction for initial response work (RWCB discharge line repair and discharge line bypass support) and \$43,162.74 to Xylem Dewatering Solutions (RWCB discharge line bypass to municipal system- equipment and setup) as a bid waiver was approved in the September 1 Special Meeting.

Motion, Discussion, Roll Call Vote

SAR-No. 2023-15 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION **HEREBY RESOLVES** To Consider and Act for payment of \$93,030 to P & H Construction for initial response work (RWCB discharge line repair and discharge line bypass support) and \$43,162.74 to Xylem Dewatering Solutions (RWCB discharge line bypass to municipal systemequipment and setup) as a bid waiver was approved in the September 1 Special Meeting. Motion by Commissioner Miceli; seconded by Commissioner Mandler. Discussion: Commissioner Mandler remarked on September 1 the Commission approved the addition of \$50,000 for a total price of \$800,000 however with this new figure the calculated price is \$822,000. Mayor McDaniel noted the \$800,000 was only for P & H Construction; there was no discussion concerning Xylem. Commissioner Lathrop remarked Xylem was mentioned as being outside of the scope of the figures provided. Superintendent Albertson noted work on a fixed repair had to move quickly. He appreciated the understanding of the Commission; thanked Bill Pieniadz of P & H Construction for providing support and staff members John Lilly and Kevin Loiler for constructing a bypass, the first of its kind to allow RWCB to discharge and receive recycled water. Roll Call Vote: In Favor: Commissioners Mandler, Lathrop, Longton, and Miceli. Opposed: None. 4-0-0. Motion Approved.

1. To Consider and Act on Payment for the Replacement of the RWCB Discharge Line.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act for payment of \$686,000 to P & H Construction for RWCB discharge (double) line replacement (extending from 19 Maple Avenue east to Route 32 north to Depot Road east- approximately 800 l.f.) as a bid waiver was approved in the September 1 Special Meeting.

Motion, Discussion, Roll Call Vote

SAR-No. 2023-16 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act for payment of \$686,000 to P & H Construction for RWCB discharge (double) line replacement (extending from 19 Maple Avenue east to Route 32 north to Depot Road east- approximately 800 l.f.) as a bid waiver was approved in the September 1 Special Meeting. **Motion** by Commissioner Lathrop; seconded by Commissioner Mandler. Discussion: Commissioner Miceli remarked this expense was approved at the special meeting. Chairman Longton clarified the Commission did not approve to expend the funds for the project. Roll Call Vote: *In Favor*: Commissioners Mandler, Lathrop, Longton, and Miceli. *Opposed*: None. 4-0-0. **Motion Approved.**

2. To Consider and Act on a Bid Waiver for the Repair of the RWCB Discharge Line.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town of Charter for the Remaining Replacement of the RWCB discharge line including the section from 119 Maple Avenue to 291 Maple Avenue (approximately 4600 l.f.) with contingency for Algonquin Gas Transmission crossing work.

Motion, Discussion, Roll Call Vote

SAR-No. 2023-17 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town of Charter for the Remaining Replacement of the RWCB discharge line including the section from 119 Maple Avenue to 291 Maple Avenue (approximately 4600 l.f.) with contingency for Algonquin Gas Transmission crossing work. **Motion** by Commissioner

Mandler; seconded by Commissioner Miceli. Discussion: B. Pieniadz estimated the gas cost as under \$200,000 and noted having a major Algonquin line crossing Maple Avenue that requires 45 feet in each direction and any material from the same would need to be contained, covered, tested then taken to a lab creating a slow process for testing. P & H proposes to use a different type of pipe that does not require collection measures. The existing pipe had to be covered to prevent the liability of the leaking of natural gas into the soil. The 100 feet of new pipe will have a HDP rigid liner thus having its own structural pipe and will not rely on a host pipe. The new pipe will also have a true 12-inch diameter other than a 10-inch with a sleeve. The HDP pipe can also take more friction thus more flow. Roll Call Vote: *In Favor*: Commissioners Mandler, Lathrop, Longton, and Miceli. *Opposed*: None. 4-0-0. **Motion Approved.**

3. To Consider and Act on the Election of a Vice Chairman.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act on motions for the election of Vice Chairman of the Town Montville Water Pollution Control Authority.

Motion, Discussion, Roll Call Vote

SAR-No. 2023-18 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act on motions for the election of Vice Chairman of the Town Montville Water Pollution Control Authority. **Motion** by Commissioner Miceli; seconded by Commissioner Lathrop. Discussion: Chairman Longton nominated Commissioner Mandler for Vice-Chairman of the Commission. There were no other nominations; nominations were then closed. Roll Call Vote: *In Favor*: Commissioners Mandler, Lathrop, Longton, and Miceli. *Opposed*: None. 4-0-0. **Motion Approved.**

4. To Consider and Act on Designation of a Planning & Zoning Liaison.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act on motions for the designation of a Liaison for the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town Montville Water Pollution Control Authority.

Motion, Discussion, Roll Call Vote

SAR-No. 2023-19 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act on motions for the designation of a Liaison for the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town Montville Water Pollution Control Authority. Motion by Commissioner Lathrop; seconded by Commissioner Mander. Discussion: Chairman Longton remarked he is available for the position as he currently serves on the Planning & Zoning Commission. He nominated himself as the Commission Liaison to the Planning & Zoning Commission. There were no other nominations; nominations were then closed. Roll Call Vote: *In Favor*: Commissioners Mandler, Lathrop, Longton, and Miceli. *Opposed*: None. 4-0-0. Motion Approved.

m. Reports/Referral from Planning & Zoning -- None

II. Water Commission

a. Report from Engineers

Superintendent Albertson reported good news on having found the water leak attributed to non-revenue water of 20 - 30 %. A leak was found behind the Dime Savings Bank and capped for a 7-day period resulting in 10% of flow. A audit will be conducted week by week with flow probably dropping to 6 - 7%; the national average is 16%. Kudos was expressed again to John Lilly and Kevin Loiler. Data will continue to gathered. Superintendent Albertson will provide feedback to the Commission on sealing and securing the water break.

b. Old Business -- *None*

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c. New Business -- None

d. Remarks from the Public

Chairman Longton asked three (3) times for remarks from the public. There were none.

e. Remarks from Commission Members

B. Pieniadz was thanked for coming to the meeting and explaining the circumstances and the progress of the project along Route 32 and Maple Avenue. Mayor McDaniel remarked Route 32 is on the State Project List for the new year in coordination with DOT. Superintendent Albertson will keep an eye on Hurricane Lee and data going forward for Covid in New London County.

f. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Miceli; seconded by Commissioner Mandler to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 4-0-0, all in favor. **Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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