

Burrillville Sewer Commission  
Workshop of 07/16/2007  
Board Room of the BWWTF

Members Present: Don C. Wolfe, Chairman  
Wallace F. Auclair, Vice Chairman  
Scott P. Rabideau, Secretary

Also Present: Walter J. Kane – Attorney for the Commission  
John Martin III – Superintendent  
Robert DiSaia – RI DEM  
Tom Kravitz – Town Planner  
Michael Wood – Town Manager  
Peg Franklin – Office Manager  
Stacey Richard – Financial Aide

**Agenda Item – Meeting with representatives of RI Department of Environmental Management to discuss Industrial Pretreatment Regulations.**

Mr. Wolfe opened the workshop at 10:05 A.M.

Mr. DiSaia handed out paperwork which explained why the treatment plant does not currently have a pretreatment program. Mr. DiSaia stated the one reason the plant is not required to have a pretreatment program is because it does not have a design flow which is greater than five million gallons per day and also that up until recently the plant did not have an industrial user base that would fall under the EPA regulations or cause an upset to the plant. Mr. DiSaia stated that there are nineteen sewer treatment plants in the state and Burrillville is one of four plants that do not have a pretreatment program. Mr. Rabideau stated that the Commission should consider asking LaGinestra to contribute to the study of the plant capacity, should it need to be done. Mr. DiSaia stated in other towns when an industry come in they are told what the limits are and they put in a pretreatment plant to meet those limits. Mr. Wood asked if there was a violation to the plant, who would it go back to. Mr. DiSaia stated that DEM has the ability to fine the Town up to \$25,000.00 per day. Mr. DiSaia also stated that the Town's ordinance states that the fine is \$50.00. Mr. DiSaia suggested that the plant should have the ability to after the industry that caused the violation and to possibly raise the fine. Mr. Kane if the Commission would have to prove that the industry caused the violation. Mr. DiSaia

stated that in a previous situation in another Town they took a downstream sample from the industry's location and was able to demonstrate that they caused the violation. Mr. DiSaia stated that one reason why a fine has not been issued is because they don't know for a fact that LaGinestra would have been over limit for the fats. Mr. Martin stated that LaGinestra has changed their analytical service provider and from the second week of June all of their oil and greases are less than detection limit. Mr. Wolfe stated the Commission should address the amount of the fines for violations, the limits, and also to define what the pretreatment process is going to be. Mr. Wolfe stated that he and Mr. Martin were going to work on these items and prepare a draft for the next meeting. Mr. Wood stated he would like to see a copy of the draft.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Rabideau made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Auclair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Richard  
Financial Aide

