

**CITY OF NORWALK
AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
JANUARY 12, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Santo called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Cherichetti took the roll call.

PRESENT: Joseph Santo, Chair; Emily Wilson; James White; Jill Jacobson; Nathan Sumpter; Adam Blank; Michael Mushak; Michael O'Reilly

STAFF: Alexis Cherichetti, Senior Environmental Officer

III. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- a) **Order #APV11-11- 300 Main Avenue - EXPCT, LLC (dba Valvoline Instant Oil Change)** -
Operation of a facility with regulated activities within the APA without an APA Registration

Ms. Cherichetti explained that the Agency is still seeking a Stormwater Management Plan from the facility owner. She recalled, at the last meeting in December 2011 the Agency had requested that a representative from Valvoline be available to answer other questions from the Agency.

Ms. Cherichetti noted that though the facility owner was going to present a preliminary site plan at the meeting, the Agency did not need to approve it this evening. She noted that the property was on the agenda so that the Agency could sort out how the enforcement action should be dealt with.

Ms. Cherichetti noted that Holt McChord of McChord Engineering was again present and Glen Holderbach of Valvoline was also present.

Mr. McChord displayed a site plan that illustrated a plan for stormwater management. He noted that since the last meeting, he had gathered additional information from the survey and had added that to the site plan. He explained that the proposed plan would direct all stormwater into an oil & grit separator and then into underground galleries in the rear of the property.

Mr. McChord also noted that his firm had completed the stormwater management narrative and had submitted it to Ms. Cherichetti.

Mr. Santo asked Ms. Cherichetti if the draft material presented by Mr. McChord met the APA Regulations.

Ms. Cherichetti indicated that she was still reviewing the submitted material, however she did note that the narrative must be certified and that underground retention galleries were strongly discouraged in the APA.

Mr. McChord acknowledged that he had spoken to Ms. Cherichetti about the APA guidelines that strongly discourage underground retention and that he would further explore discharging to the stormwater drainage system in Main Avenue.

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Ms. Cherichetti noted that DEEP had provided guidance for stormwater management in Aquifer Protection areas, and that guidance seems to prohibit installation of new underground galleries for stormwater that may possibly become contaminated. She indicated that she could confer with the state on the matter.

Mr. Mushak had questions and comments regarding the oil and grit separator.

There was a discussion regarding other options regarding stormwater conveyance, including conveying to the City stormwater system in Main Avenue.

Mr. White inquired about the next steps needed to keep up progress.

Ms. Cherichetti noted that the deadlines given to complete the directives of the Order had passed. She stated that the Agency could amend their Order to provide the facility owner a new timeframe to complete the directives.

Mr. Blank suggested that the Agency take no action, but effectively give the facility owner a stay of action for six weeks.

Ms. Wilson noted the benefits of having deadlines to work with.

There was a discussion regarding the best approach to encourage the facility owner to continue progressing towards a complete registration.

Mr. Santo invited Mr. Holderbach to comment. Mr. Holderbach indicated that he and Valvoline had every intention to comply with the regulations. He noted that it does take time to determine what is required and how to complete it.

Mr. Santo stated that the item would be on the next month's agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) December 10, 2011 meeting minutes

**** MS. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.**
**** MR. WHITE SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. COMMENTS OF STAFF

Ms. Cherichetti had none.

VI. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.