THE MATTABASSETT DISTRICT **Memorandum**

Date:	September 3, 2020	Subject:	Engineering Committee Meeting Minutes **Monday September 1, 2020**
To:	Board of Directors	From:	Engineering Committee and Arthur G. Simonian, Executive Director AGS

Engineering Committee
September 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Engineering Committee met Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at The District Offices at 245 Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

Chairman John Dunham called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. In addition to the Chair, present were Committee Members – Bonnie Anderson, Lanette Macaruso and David Bauer, present remotely was Committee Member – Bob Argazzi. Also, present were Executive Director – Arthur Simonian, District Engineer – Michelle Ryan. There was a quorum

Following is a summary of the September 1, Engineering Meeting:

1) **Capital Items as a standing agenda item** – Capital Items will be on future Engineering Committee meetings agendas. Art will provide a one-year plan with detail and a five-year plan with fewer details. Art stated he is in the process of creating a global list of everything in the plant that has an age expectancy.

2) **NPDES Permit** – Art reviewed and discussed the NPDES permit. CTDEEP sent an email on August 13, 2020, giving the District two options one of which include a consent order. Art stated the District can send letters and lend some support but it should be the responsibility of the CTDEEP and EPA to address the issue with the communities to get the I/I work started. The CTDEEP also stated they are expecting the District to treat all of their flows except for extreme events. They requested we fully treat all flows even those over 55 mgd. Art stated we have been treating up to 55 mgd fully as per the design and have been since the upgrade. We should be in compliance.

   Art discussed a timeline. He stated he would draft an email with our response and send it to the Committee and our District Attorney for review. Then he would send our response to the CTDEEP by Friday, September 11th. Art expects once CTDEEP receives the email, they will call us or set up a meeting to discuss and then in the following couple of weeks we should see a draft permit issued. The District will have 30 days respond to the draft permit. Art stated if the CTDEEP came out with a draft permit, we may have the option to appeal it.

   Art response to the CTDEEP will be the following:

- Offer to provide flow variation data, annual analysis flow trends and monitor flow variations
- Not in agreement for assessing plant upgrades. Elaborate on the upgrade that it was understood Middletown was joining the District and the flows that we are seeing are as designed.
- The District is treating everything up to 55mgd and giving secondary treatment for flows beyond. We are meeting our effluent limits outlined in our permit. CTDEEP approved the upgrade including the design capacity.
- Extreme events in the permit is undefined.

3) **Related Business and Staff Updates** – Art sent an email to the Board stating Eversource did rollback our rates to what they were before the increase. They did not give a credit for last month. Art spoke with our Account Manager and they are not issuing credits because at some point there may be another increase.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Anderson moved, no second needed and the committee approved unanimously to adjourn at 6:30 PM.