

**ORDINANCE ACKNOWLEDGING THE WPCA  
OF THE TOWN OF BEACON FALLS**  
(Reviewed 1/9/07, 5/8/07)

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Section 1. There shall be a Water Pollution Control Authority, formerly known as the Sewer Authority, in the Town of Beacon Falls which shall have the power to assess such amounts as it deems necessary, subject to the limitations of the Connecticut General Statutes, in order to defray the cost of installation and maintenance of sewer lines in the Town of Beacon Falls.

Section 2. The Water Pollution Control Authority shall consist of six (6) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Each expiring term shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for a term of six (6) years. Said members may be removed for cause by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3. The Water Pollution Control Authority shall have all the powers and be subject to all duties imposed upon such boards by the General Statutes and amendments thereto. The Water Pollution Control Authority shall adopt rules and regulations, from time to time, which shall apply to all areas of the Town of Beacon Falls which have been initially assessed regardless of the method of assessment, including the assessment of benefits received, as it deems necessary, subject to the approval by a concurring vote of four (4) members of the Water Pollution Control Authority. The Water Pollution Control Authority and the Town Engineer shall review each application submitted to it and shall either accept or reject the application.

The Water Pollution Control Authority shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings. Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairman and at such other times as the Board may determine. The Chairman, or in his/**her** absence, the Acting Chairman, shall have the power to administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings of the Water Pollution Control Authority shall be open to the public. Minutes of all proceedings shall be kept and all examinations and official actions shall be recorded thereon. Minutes shall be open for inspection as public record. Copies of the effective rules and regulations including the rates and categories of assessments shall be available for review at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Water Pollution Control Authority shall also have the power to assess additional charges against users based upon the quality and quantity of the effluent discharged by said user as well as implement a user fee if it is determined to be necessary. Said determination shall be placed on the record with the reasons therefore provided to the applicant/user as the case may be.

Section 4. The concurring vote of four (4) members of the Water Pollution Control Authority shall be necessary to revise any rule or regulation, order, requirement, decision or determination of the Water Pollution Control Authority, or to decide in favor of the applicant as against the Town on any matter upon which it is required to pass under the terms of this Ordinance.

In the event of a tie on any matter, said tie may be resolved by the majority vote of the First Selectman serving in his/her capacity as an ex officio member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

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Section 5. The members of the Water Pollution Control Authority shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 6. Training. **All members of the Water Pollution Control Authority are required to attend at least one (1) training session every other year, specific to the Water Pollution Control Authority This training will provide useful information needed to make decisions in the best interests of the Town of Beacon Falls. Failure to attend such training and provide documentation of the attendance will be cause for removal from the Commission by the Board of Selectmen.**

Section 7. Members of the Water Pollution Control Authority may be removed only on the cause of or failure to perform their duties of their office.

Section 8. Any Ordinance, Regulation, By-Law, or Resolution inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed. Specifically, but not by way of limitation, An Ordinance Relating to the Sewer Authority passed December 21, 1950, amended May 29, 1951 is hereby repealed.

Presented at a Special Town Meeting held on August 25, 1997.

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Public Hearing held on May 7, 2007

Town Meeting held on June 18, 2007

Effective Date of Ordinance July 11, 2007