

Date: August 21, 2025 Subject: Public Relations Committee Meeting  
**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

To: Joseph Samolis – Chair, Phil Pessina, Joe Corlis, John Dunham & Daniel Salerno From: Arthur G. Simonian, Executive Director

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**Public Relations Committee  
Wednesday, August 20, 2025  
Meeting Minutes**

The Public Relations Committee met Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at The District Offices at 245 Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

Public Relations Committee Chair, Joe Samolis called the Committee meeting to order at 5:00 PM. In addition to the Chair, present were Committee Members – Phil Pessina, Daniel Salerno, Joe Corlis, and John Dunham. There was a quorum. Also present was Executive Director – Arthur G. Simonian, and Karol Skeczkowski from AXIM.

The following is a summary of the August 20th Public Relations Meeting:

- 1) **Recognition Awards Years of Service** –There was discussion about giving gift certificates for employees who have been with the Mattabasset District for 10, 20 & 30 years. Mr. Simonian presented a video of a plaque for their recognition. Committee members suggested online gift store where they can select themselves \$50, \$100, & \$150.
- 2) **Safety Picnic**-A summer picnic will be scheduled for some time in September for the hard work. There have been no incidents for 1,433 days. Employees have made sure safety is one of their priorities. Board members are welcome to attend and recognize our valued employees.
- 3) **Axim Video for Website**-Karol Skeczkowski from AXIM provided an updated on the video of The Mattabasset District. The video included different components around the plant; around the communities we serve and tying in environmental things with pictures and things that are kind of related to people. Karol also is working on the District social media and will add a shorter video or a link for communities to see what we do at the Mattabasset District.
- 4) **Website Updates**- Mr. Simonian discussed that the website has been maintained. The odor tab is working great and had a few reports in July & August. There was a discussion to provide a link on the website with the video.

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## **Memorandum**

- 5) Odor/Public Complaints-** There were a couple of complaints on July 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the blowers being down in the sludge storage tanks for maintenance. Other than that there haven't been major complaints. The carbon has been changed on the primary tank/sludge unloading tower and dewatering building. The roll-up door has been installed, but there are still some controls and wiring.
- 6) Related Business and Staff Updates –** None.

**Adjournment: Mr. Pessina moved, and the committee approved unanimously to adjourn at 5:27 PM**