



Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority as part of its duties and responsibilities not only sets policy for the WPCA but also conducts an annual review of the WPCA Supervisor, Edward Abel.

Over the past Fiscal Year, the plant has seen numerous changes with newer equipment replacing failing systems, the addition of a part-time secretary, and fiscal direction from the City's Finance Officer.

During this time, Edd and his members have performed extraordinary feats in the face of what could have had catastrophic results as equipment failed at an unprecedented rate. Edd, working in conjunction with our engineering firm, Wesson & Sampson, and with assistance from Brian Hall from the Finance Department, managed to purchase and install new equipment that not only solved the immediate issues, but that can also be utilized in the new facility being designed by the engineers without having the Authority utilize more funding than was available through the Bond and FY 24-25 Budget.

With this new equipment, operations at the plant have seen significant improvements over numbers from just six months prior and continue to improve.

There are still some issues that will need to be addressed in the coming year. The East Derby siphon, the plant upgrades, and the appropriate staffing levels.

Edd has been working tirelessly with the engineers to not only design a workable solution for the now exposed siphon but has also been working with both FEMA and the State of CT for approvals and funding for this repair.

Edd has been assisting the engineers in the new plant design by lending his professional opinion on the design and systems for the new facility. He has been working closely with the City's Finance Department to ensure our budgets are consistent with our operations and has moved for a rolling fund to upkeep and/or replace capital equipment utilized throughout the city.

Although Edd has increased his staff's capabilities through licensing and training, he is still in need of filling some positions in the plant to include a full-time secretary. Although the part-time secretary handles some of the day-to-day duties, Edd has had to step up and handle several other duties as the administrator.

Edd has continued to make the aging plant better, his staff better, and has been fiscally responsible in managing the Authority. His goals for the upcoming year will move the operations of the plant forward, and in due time, result in a new plant with a highly trained staff.

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I recommend that Edd Abel be given a raise commensurate with his steadfast and outstanding performance as the Administrator of the City of Derby's Water Pollution Control Authority in the amount of 2% retroactive to July 1st, 2025.

Respectfully,

Charles Sampson

WPCA Committee Chairman

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