

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
April 7, 2015**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
(Not yet approved by the Authority)**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Andrew Lord called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Andrew Lord, Edward Blaschik, Richard Fiala, Arthur Merrow

ABSENT: John Russell

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Casner

3. MINUTES:

None

4. DISCUSSION

Correspondence received from one property owner who has a dispute over his Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU). The property was listed as a 2-family. This was part of a package being sent for foreclosure, but was pulled out.

A) Water Planet Report

Mr. Weaver was not present. Mr. Lord distributed the Water Planet Report Number 119 dated April 7, 2015. Upon review, it was noted that they are over budget on some expenditures. Mr. Lord would like to see the financials on a regular meeting basis. He believes they need to start thinking about raising rates. They told the townspeople the last time they raised the rates that they would not wait seven years the next time.

Mr. Lord wants an accounting from the town at the next meeting.

Mr. Casner asked about a \$60,000 loan from the town. It was noted that this was to be used until the grant money came in for the plant project. The Authority was unsure whether the grant money had been received yet.

Mr. Blaschik stated there were two grinder pump failures in town today. One was for one of the Goodspeed buildings, and there was also a failure at the Rathbun Library.

The WPCA discussed the Water Planet maintenance line. They questioned the November expenditures, but December and January were also large months.

Mr. Lord wanted a financial accounting well in advance of the next meeting. He stated there is no reason to get this report two days before the next meeting, when they won't meet for two months. He suggested the Authority could hold a special meeting next month to review the finances, as the end of the fiscal year is upon us.

Mr. Blaschik questioned the expenditures for 17 Lumberyard Road. He stated this cost was \$575.00, but is listed as a generator replacement. He believed this must be a repair. Mr. Lord stated there was another like this.

The Authority discussed the grinder pumps. Mr. Casner stated there were several pumps that were approximately 20 years old. Mr. Blaschik believed the Authority should also look at pumps that have been repeatedly replaced to try to determine if there is a cause for it.

Mr. Blaschik stated they should also look at the cost of a replacement pump now, as compared to six months or a year ago. Mr. Lord stated they just went with another vendor for the maintenance of the pumps. He noted this is their prerogative under the contract. Mr. Merrow believed the manufacturer changed its distributor.

It was decided they would have a special meeting next month, on the first Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss fiscal issues. It would be helpful to have each member think of questions to discuss on that date.

B) Wastewater Treatment Plan Rehab

It was noted the only thing left is some electrical work, such as fans, etc. This work should be done before the next meeting.

C) Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Contract

Tabled until the special meeting

D) Membership

Mr. Lord noted that Robert Casner was present this evening, and has expressed interest in joining the WPCA.

Motion by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Fiala, and carried by unanimous vote to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen to recommend the appointment of Robert Casner to the Water Pollution Control Authority.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Fiala to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Merrow, and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina