

East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Andrew Lord called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Lord, Ed Blaschik, Robert Casner, Richard Fiala, Arthur Merrow, Richard Pettinelli, John Russell

OTHERS PRESENT: James Ventres

3. MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Lord to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 special meeting with the following amendment:

- **Page 5, 1st paragraph: Add the following clarification to the end of the last sentence: Replace “it” with “the sludge removal valve on the northern side.”**

Motion seconded by Mr. Casner, and carried by unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSSION:

A. Water Planet Report

Mr. Ventres reported that Mr. Weaver is traveling out of state. Mr. Ventres distributed a bill from Water Planet Company for a total of \$15,913.20. On the back of this invoice was a budget printout. The Authority discussed the line items of the budget.

Mr. Lord stated we should have a spreadsheet so the Authority can track this on a monthly basis, so we can stay on top of it. Mr. Ventres believed that Mr. Weaver has this information available, and he would ask for this on a monthly basis. Mr. Ventres will also tell Cindy at the Town Office Finance Office that we need this.

B) Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab

The Authority did a walk-through of the plant this evening before the meeting. The consensus of the Authority was that the work that was done is impressive. Mr. Ventres commented that the contractor did three coats of paint on the south side of the building. In addition, the contractor is looking into other measures for traction on the concrete steps during the winter months.

C) Contract

Mr. Ventres reported that Mr. Weaver signed it, and Mr. Lord needs to sign it this evening.

D) 4&5 Hem Street

Mr. Ventres recommended the Authority hold off on this for now. He has asked Mr. Nemergut how much it would cost to run the sewer lines down the hill.

Motion by Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, and carried by unanimous vote to table the discussion of 4 & 5 Hem Street until the next meeting.

Other:

Mr. Casner distributed the Special Joint Sub-Committee Final Report regarding possible future expansion of the sewer lines. He stated it was good to see how others view the management of the wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Lord commented the sewer system was put in to address a pollution issue. He did not feel like the Authority should be the ones to promote sewer expansion. He also did not believe this is a pressing issue for the Authority at this time, but that it would be beneficial for the members to review this report.

Mr. Casner noted that expansion would produce more income as it would add new EDUs.

Mr. Russell inquired about the industrial park. Mr. Lord stated this was simply a preliminary report. Mr. Pettinelli stated they ran two estimates to run a sewer line down to the plant from the Shagbark four corners. He believed they would have to look at the fees if this were to ever happen, and

to put in measures for industrial pre-treatment, as well as the feasibility of it. Mr. Blaschik asked with whom this report has been discussed, if it has gone

to the Planning & Zoning commission, etc. Mr. Casner stated the P&Z has it now for review. Mr. Blaschik asked how it would be made available to the public. Mr. Ventres stated it was distributed at the last Planning & Zoning meeting for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Ventres distributed a letter to the CT DOT regarding emergency repairs the Town had to make due to a sewer line damaged by the CT DOT. Although the letter was not dated, it was sent last week to the DOT. Mr. Lord asked Mr. Ventres to put in a reminder for 30 days to keep track of this.

Mr. Ventres distributed a document for Banner Village sewer system. He reviewed recent changes at the CT DEEP where the DEEP does not review applications until the towns have reviewed and approved the applications. Mr. Lord explained that this Authority does not have jurisdiction over this because it is for usage of over 5,000 gallons per day. We need to establish a financial measure to operate the water system in the event that Banner does not. Mr. Ventres stated we do have \$45,000 set aside from Banner in the event that something happens and the Town needs to address it. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of a bond, etc. Mr. Pettinelli stated the developer would own that cost until the units were filled. Mr. Ventres stated this Authority has the largest liability here.

Mr. Blaschik questioned the balance of the reserve account. He stated he would like to have a better understanding of the costs, reserve, etc. He echoed Mr. Lord's request for a better accounting on a monthly basis. There were also questions about the SCADA system, and software upgrades for it.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Casner to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.**