

East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Andrew Lord, Robert Casner, Richard Fiala, and Richard Pettinelli.

Absent: Ed Blaschik, Arthur Merrow, and John Russell.

3. MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Fiala to approve the special meeting minutes of May 14, 2015 with the following amendment:

- **Page 2, Item C: Change "Woodland" to "Woodard"**

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Fiala to approve the July 21, 2015 special meeting minutes with the following changes:

- **Page 2, Item D, last paragraph: Change time from 6:50 to 7:50**

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Mr. Fiala, seconded by Mr. Pettinelli to approve the October 6, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSSION:

A. Water Planet Report

Mr. Weaver distributed copies of report #123 dated December 1, 2015. Mr. Weaver explained that a lot of money has been expended, but many things have been improved or upgraded. The plant has been upgraded, the stairs have been repaired, and several grinder pumps were replaced.

Mr. Weaver explained that the CT DEEP inspected the plant in July. He explained that a flow meter, discussed during the July inspection, was calibrated on August 5, 2015. On October 30, 2015, they received a notice of violation for this. This was later acknowledged that this had been resolved. Mr. Lord voiced concern about this because they received a notice for a minor issue months after the issue was resolved. They now need to go through an administrative process for this. Mr. Weaver will respond to this notice in writing that they are in compliance.

Mr. Lord stated that this is something that could have been easily resolved early with a phone call. Mr. Lord stated he was in a meeting with Mr. Grecci at the CT DEEP and informed Mr. Lord that the town would not accept the notice of violation. Mr. Lord called Mr. Ventres, and no one had knowledge of that. Mr. Ventres later informed the woman who drove down here from the CT DEEP to hand deliver a letter that it had to be addressed to staff, not to the chairman; however, he did take the letter.

Mr. Pettinelli questioned the gas and electric lines. Mr. Weaver noted that historically, these numbers have gone back down, although typically, they would have begun to decline by now.

The Authority discussed the maintenance expenditures, which are well over-budget for each month, but particularly for the month of November.

The Authority discussed the November maintenance expenditures, and questioned the two Aaron Associates of CT, Inc. calibrations. Mr. Lord asked that each item be broken down for further review. Mr. Weaver will send these responses to Mr. Ventres, which can be forwarded to the Authority.

Mr. Lord stated this speaks to the need for a budget breakdown on a regular basis. Mr. Ventres distributed an O&M report. Mr. Pettinelli asked for a breakdown for the monthly expenses over the past couple of years. Mr. Weaver has this and can furnish it for the Authority. Mr. Lord summarized that they are \$23,000 over budget, and they only have \$32,000 in reserves. Discussion ensued. Mr. Weaver noted that the number for the CT DOT repair of \$4,775.00 should be paid by the State. Mr. Ventres distributed a letter dated November 13, 2015 from the State DOT. Mr. Lord suggested if the Town does not get a check within the next two weeks, that we contact Representative Ziobron to pursue this matter with the DOT.

Mr. Lord is very concerned about the budget, expenditures, and costs going forward. He does not want to have to think about another public hearing in six months to raise rates.

Motion by Mr. Pettinelli, seconded by Mr. Casner to add Hem Street to tonight's discussion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ventres stated the property owner on Hem Street came to see him a couple weeks ago. Mr. Ventres directed the property owner to contact Mr. Roger Nemergut, her engineer, regarding this. The property owner did not want to contact Mr. Nemergut. Mr. Ventres informed the property owner that her cost for running a line down to hook into the sewer system may be more expensive than her lot.

Mr. Lord stated until something comes before this authority, with a plan and a formal application, it really does not warrant discussion by the Authority.

Motion by Mr. Pettinelli, seconded by Mr. Casner to add the schedule to tonight's agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Fiala to approve the 2016 meeting schedule, which included meetings on alternating months, the first Tuesday of each even month. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Pettinelli, seconded by Mr. Fiala to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.