

East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority

Town of East Haddam
Town Office Annex
7 Main Street
East Haddam, CT 06423

Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Arthur Merrow

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Edward Blaschik, Robert Casner, Richard Fiala, Arthur Merrow, and Richard Pettinelli

Absent: Chairman – Andrew Lord, and John Russell,

Others Present: Jim Ventres, and Grant Weaver

Mr. Merrow appointed Mr. Pettinelli to vote this evening in place of Mr. Lord.

3. MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Casner to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes with the following amendment:

- **Item 4A, change the electric rate to 8 cents, not percent.**

Voting: Unanimous aye from all voting members except Mr. Merrow, who abstained. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION

A) Water Planet Report

Mr. Weaver discussed the budget, and due to an accounting error, there was a \$23,045.12 credit to East Haddam's account.

Mr. Ventres will mail the accounting to the members in the next mailing.

Mr. Weaver stated they are under budget by approximately \$7,000. Mr. Ventres suggested sending the users a Christmas card thank you to let them know that due to their cooperation, we are doing very well on our maintenance.

Mr. Weaver stated the electric service right now is through Constellation. There is a penalty to pull out of the contract. Mr. Pettinelli questioned the penalty. Mr. Weaver will look into the cost difference. It was suggested that it might be worth changing carriers. Mr. Weaver stated there is a tax on the Wind River. This is paid less the tax amount.

Mr. Weaver stated there have been many conversations with the grinder pump company staff. There was one charge for a pump that was still under warranty. They charged \$250.00 for an after-hours call, as well as other charges, but no parts. Upon calling the company, Mr. Weaver was informed that they would waive this invoice. Mr. Weaver will continue to scrutinize these invoices closely. He did believe this company was making efforts to repair units rather than replacing them.

Mr. Weaver has a quote for wiring that they have been trying to get done for over a year. This is for wiring that is \$2791.90 for the electrical work from TriState Wastewater, to bury the lines. Mr. Ventres stated he will look into this so he asked Mr. Weaver to forward the quote to him.

B) Schedule 2017

Motion by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Casner to approve the proposed 2017 schedule, with the possibility of changing the location. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ventres referred to the water utility coordinating meetings document that had been mailed to each member. Mr. Ventres has been attending the water meetings regarding the water drought and usage throughout the state. They have asked the MDC for information. Mr. Ventres stated the water companies would like to take water rights for future use. Phase 1 would examine who has what and who wants what. Phase 2 would assess needs, and Phase 3 would address water plans. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ventres will continue to attend these meetings every 3-4 weeks. The deadline to the State is May 2017.

Mr. Blaschik inquired about Banner. Mr. Ventres reported that they are on track, and their annual inspections will occur each May.

5. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Pettinelli, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Pattavina