

East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority

Town of East Haddam
Grange
7 Main Street
East Haddam, CT 06423

Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Andrew Lord.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairman Andrew Lord, Edward Blaschik, Richard Fiala, and Robert Casner.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Arthur Merrow, John Russell and Richard Pettinelli.

Others Present: Jim Ventres, Jason Hofmann (The Water Planet Company), and Ruth Ziobron (Recording Secretary).

3. MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Blaschik, seconded by Mr. Fiala and unanimously passed to approve the June 6, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

4. DISCUSSION

A) Water Planet Report

The following was reviewed and is filed at the Land Use Office:

- The Water Planet Company invoice dated 9/1/17.
- Usage-month end and treasurer's report September 2017 from the Tax Collector.
- 2017 WPCA balance sheet from the Finance Director.
- Report on the Operation and Maintenance of the East Haddam Water Treatment Plant and Collection System dated October 3, 2017.

The permit compliance has been maintained since the last meeting. There have been no issues with the grinder pumps since the last meeting. Routine calibrations for flow meters were completed by Williamson New England. NIC Systems completed a software upgrade for the XL Reporter system at the plant.

Service at the pump station (Dock Road pump) is required because water was running on the electrical box at an expenditure of approximately \$6,500. Mr. Hofmann suggested this work be complete before winter however it could wait until spring. Mr. Blaschik

questioned if the Dock Road pump station repair @\$1,500 which was discussed at the last meeting had been complete. Mr. Hofmann replied yes for floats, a new box, wiring and a little rubber internal check. The additional work is for a big check (original) needing replacement and a plug valve.

It was noted that the equipment was 20 years old. Mr. Casner asked which potential future long term issues could be anticipated. Mr. Hofmann replied the generator and grinder pumps. He reviewed the E1 grinder verses Barnes grinder. There is a significant savings with using a Barnes grinder. Mr. Hofmann stated use of a competitor's pump could null the E1 Grinder pump's warranty. Authority members asked Mr. Hofmann for quotes for hybrid grinder pumps.

Mr. Hoffman reviewed the new usage of MicroC which will save money on sludge.

The plant staff responded to a call from the Goodspeed Opera House about pump station odor. The issue was related to an overflowing grease trap tank, which the Opera House had serviced. Mr. Blaschik reviewed these repairs.

Mr. Blaschik asked Mr. Hofmann to review NIC System's expenses on the monthly maintenance report.

Mr. Blaschik suggested using Osterman Propane, noting the town may be signing a new three year contract with them.

Authority members are concerned with potential unforeseen expenses and not having an adequate reserve fund.

Authority members will review adjustment to user EDU's due to change of use and potential rate increases at the next meeting. Adjustments may require a Public Hearing.

Mr. Blaschik stated there was money put aside by the town for debt service from the WPCA expenditures which would be retired this year. Mr. Blaschik suggested the WPCA should attend a Board of Finance meeting to ask for retired debt allocated to the WPCA budget for operating expenses.

B) Plan of Conservation and Development-tabled

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Fiala, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Ruth Ziobron
Recording Secretary