

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
January 7, 2014**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Andrew Lord called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**2. ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Lord, Arthur Merrow, Richard Fiala

**ABSENT:** Fred Myers and John Russell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James Ventres, Grant Weaver

**3. MINUTES:**

**Motion by Mr. Merrow, seconded by Mr. Fiala to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**4. DISCUSSION**

**A) Water Planet Report**

Mr. Weaver distributed the Water Planet Report Number 112, dated January 7, 2014 to the Authority. He reported that the plant had shut down on three occasions, including New Year's Eve. This was due to the plant's computer. NIC Systems is in the process of replacing the computer and updating the software. He submitted the paperwork for this to Mr. Ventres.

Mr. Weaver reported that a controller failed on the system's generator. The battery and starter motor needed to be replaced as a result of this.

Mr. Weaver informed the Authority that the maintenance expenditures are over budget by \$9,577.08, and the gas and sludge expenditures are over budget by \$272.09.

Mr. Fiala asked if there had been a call from Creamery Road. Mr. Ventres indicated he had addressed this with the service company, and the issue has been resolved.

Mr. Lord asked if the money could be added into the grant fund. Mr. Lord asked Mr. Ventres to get a copy of the budget lines.

Mr. Ventres noted that the State responded regarding the grant for the computer controller. This would come from the STEEP grant. Mr. Weaver will email the needed documents to Mr. Ventres tomorrow.

Mr. Lord stated the Authority needed to consider rate increases. He recalled at the last public hearing, the sentiment of the public was that they would prefer smaller, more gradual increases rather than receiving large increases less frequently.

Mr. Merrow asked about the expenditures, and noted that they were running approximately double what was budgeted. Upon review, it was noted that some of this expense was due to computer issues at the plant. Mr. Weaver will prepare a breakdown and submit it to Mr. Ventres.

Mr. Ventres announced that the bid for the plant repairs was awarded to Parady & Sons. He informed them that they would meet after the first of January. Mr. Ventres will notify Mr. Weaver when this meeting will be held.

Mr. Ventres stated he received a response from the State regarding the sewer line relocation on Succor Brook. The Town ended up supervising this work. Mr. Ventres will write a letter to the DOT, and copy Mr. Lord and Mr. Weaver on it.

Mr. Ventres stated he had someone possibly interested in extending the sewer lines. An owner has two lots on Hem Street, but the two lots cannot support a septic system, although Planning & Zoning approved a septic system beginning at elevation 50, ending at elevation 40 back in 1977. Mr. Ventres reported that Mr. Nemergut has tested the site, but he cannot find a suitable location. Mr. Ventres stated that this might need to go to a public hearing.

Mr. Ventres was supposed to attend a meeting in Hartford with Wildwood. They believe they will put in 38 wells on 175 acres. This will create a large seasonal, recreational use. This is all one lot, owned by 38 property owners. There is a possibility that they may want to convert these to year-round homes. They plan to put in a community septic system. Mr. Ventres will forward the letter to Mr. Lord.

The Authority discussed the possibility of extending the sewer lines for the two lots on Hem Street. This will likely need to have a public hearing. Mr. Lord stated that the DEEP will have to weigh in on this.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Fiala, seconded by Mr. Merrow to adjourn 7:48 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina