

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2010
(Not yet approved by the Authority)**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Andrew Lord called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Town Annex.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Andrew Lord, Richard Fiala, Arthur Merrow

Absent: Fred Myers, John Russell, John Koskovich

Others: James Ventres, Grant Weaver, Ed Blaschik

Mr. Ventres distributed copies of the Plan of Conservation and Development to the members.

3. DISCUSSION

A) Water Planet Company

Mr. Weaver informed the members that Goodwin College students recently came for a tour for one of their programs.

Mr. Weaver explained that the grinder pumps continue to break and be repaired. The repairs are costing more, but they are getting close to 15 years old now. Responsive to inquiry by Mr. Lord and Mr. Fiala, Mr. Weaver stated that he would have to research it, but he guessed that one in four pumps has not had problems. Mr. Ventres stated he would look at this with Mr. Weaver, but the ones without problems were likely low usage pumps. He suggested if they have pumps that have been repaired multiple times, they could look at replacing five per year. Mr. Merrow questioned the cost for rebuilt pumps versus new pumps. Mr. Weaver believed the cost would be similar. Mr. Lord requested a copy of the database Mr. Weaver is maintaining on these pumps.

Mr. Lord asked if there was a financial status update yet, as he had seen no one. He stated he would send a written request to the Finance Director and the Selectman.

4. MINUTES

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A) Kevin Nee, 54 Creamery Road, discussion of a reduction in sewer assessment fee

Mr. Nee was not present, but Mr. Ventres read an email he received from Mr. Nee regarding his fees. Mr. Ventres stated he pulled the Assessor's card, and this structure could revert back to a one family home. Mr. Merrow stated that all houses in which the sewer lines run in front of them have a sewer assessment. If it was changed to a one-family residence, he would be inclined to charge 1 EDU. Mr. Lord agreed that if Mr. Nee came back with a formal application, the WPCA would consider it. Mr. Ventres will send an email to Mr. Nee.

Mr. Ventres stated he received a letter from the DPH to the Goodspeed regarding a water company. This letter was included in everyone's packets. Mr. Blaschik explained that the DPH classifies their system as a community system. They need a letter from the WPCA indicating that the WPCA is or isn't interested in managing their water system. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the WPCA was that they were not interested in managing this water supply system.

Motion by Mr. Merrow to authorize Mr. Ventres to finalize a letter indicating that the WPCA is not interested in managing the water supply system for the Goodspeed Opera House actor housing. Seconded by Mr. Fiala, and carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ventres informed the WPCA that the Chatham Health District has initiated an ordinance to pump out septic systems. They reviewed the pump outs, fees, and the policy.

Mr. Merrow suggested that meetings not be scheduled on the Tuesdays directly following a holiday, such as the 4th of July and Labor Day. The dates of June 29 and August 31 were suggested as possible special meeting dates.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Fiala to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. Merrow, and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina