

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
March 2, 2010**

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

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

2. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Andrew Lord, Arthur Merrow, Richard Fiala, John Koskovich

ABSENT: Michael Curley, Fred Myers

OTHERS PRESENT: Grant Weaver, Judy Stark

3. DISCUSSION

A) Water Planet Company Report

Mr. Weaver distributed copies of his report, #100, to the members. He began by stating that the DEP had inspected the plant, and had again taken issue with the nail heads coming through the roof. Mr. Weaver indicated that the building inspector had come out, and had even had a consultant inspect the facility. He has a punch list of items to review with Mr. Ventres.

Mr. Weaver informed the WPCA that their 5-year DEP permit will expire in August 2010. The annual permit fee is approximately \$1200. He stated they have submitted the paperwork for the permit renewal already. Mr. Lord noted that as long as they have submitted the paperwork, they can continue to work as they have.

Mr. Weaver recalled at the last meeting, the WPCA had asked for data on the grinder pumps. He distributed this list. He noted that if there was only one entry on the list, that would be the original pump. If the second number was different, the grinder pump had been replaced. July 17, 1997 was the original installation date for all but a few that have come on line in later years. The WPCA discussed the list. They noted that 2 Landing Hill Road appeared to have some issues.

Mr. Lord suggested for planning purposes, they might want to look at the number they replace per year, so they can plan how much they will need to put aside each year. Mr. Koskovich believed the life span had been good so far. Mr. Weaver stated that most of the pumps were rebuilt. It was noted that for budgeting purposes, the WPCA would use \$2,000 per pump, and estimate 10 pumps per year.

Mr. Weaver spoke with Mr. Ventres regarding budgeting. This year, the money brought in would be about equal with the amount expended. He distributed budgeting sheets. Mr. Lord noted that there was an equipment upgrade in 2008. Also, in 2009, they worked on the bio-filter. The Goodspeed actor housing project would add approximately \$17,000. Mr. Koskovich asked if the Goodspeed paid for the original pumps, or if it came from the WPCA's budget. Mr. Weaver stated the Goodspeed would pay for the pumps.

The WPCA discussed the possibility of a micro brewery in town. Mr. Weaver voiced concern about this and the number of EDUs it could take. He cautioned the WPCA members to consider it very carefully. Mr. Fiala suggested that Mr. Weaver talk with Melissa Ziobron, the EDC Coordinator who was working to bring this here. Mr. Weaver stated he would work through Mr. Ventres on this.

Mr. Lord asked that Ms. Stark email the sewer information to him, in addition to the grinder pump information. Mr. Lord was concerned about the fund balance. He stated by the next meeting, they would need to discuss the rates.

Mr. Weaver suggested that Mr. Weaver might be able to cut a deal with Water Resource Technology for purchase of multiple grinder pumps, in order to get a better deal.

B) Capital Improvements – Discussed earlier at Item 3 A.

The WPCA reviewed the contract with Water Planet Company. The consensus of the WPCA was that the May agenda should include the contract review, so it is publicly advertised.

C) Goodspeed Opera House – Actor housing.

An agreement was drafted for the water company for the Goodspeed actor housing project. Mr. Lord had made corrections to the document. Mr. Koskovich cautioned that this could be problematic for the Town if the town is not responsible for it.

Mr. Weaver explained that the Goodspeed would prefer to operate the facility, but that the DPH was prohibiting it thus far. Mr. Lord stated they might need to hold a special meeting

to deal with the agreement/contract with the Goodpseed. Mr. Lord will contact Mr. Ventres to discuss revisions to the contract, and the possibility of scheduling a special meeting.

4. MINUTES:

Mr. Lord distributed minutes from the January 5, 2010 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Fiala to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on January 5, 2010 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Koskovich, and carried by unanimous vote.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Fiala to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. Merrow, and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina