East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority
Municipal Office Complex

Regular Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2025

1. Call to Order

   Chairman Lord called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Attendance

   Members Present: Chairman Andrew Lord, Edward Blaschik, Richard Fiala, Bob Casner
   Members Absent: John Russell, Richard Pettinelli
   Others Present: Jim Ventres, Katherine Kneeland, Will Abramczyk, Todd Gelston

3. Minutes

   Motion by Mr. Fiala to approve the September 15, 2025 minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Blaschik and unanimously approved.

4. Discussion

   a. Clean Water Ops Report –

      Mr. Abramcyzk provided an overview on a number of items.
      He updated the group on the actuator value issue that they have been trying to fix for quite some time. There was additional wiring that had to be addressed before they could test it. He is expecting the test to occur prior to the end of the month.

      There was another bacteria kill off. There was a dark influent, and intermittent construction materials found in the screening. Once it was discovered, the influent was redirected to the other tank that was not currently in use. Over time a little bit is bled into the side that is in active use. It has stopped happening, but there was a significant bacteria kill off. The decision was made to seed the plant with healthy mature "bugs" from another plant. They are at 80% full biologic health. No permit compliance was affected. Discharge was not affected too much by this change. There is no additional charge to the town addressing the issue. The diligence of the operators resulted in a quick recovery of the plant's biology. The good news is that the limits were never outside of normal, so there is not a concern that the seals were negatively impacted. Ms. Kneeland provided an overview of the sampling completed daily to ensure there is clarity on the influent's chemical analysis and then change in the effluent's chemical analysis.

      Selectmen Gelston asked a number of questions related to the latest issue the plant has experienced. Aeration and dilution are both excellent ways to address issues like the one the plant just experienced. Mr. Abramczyk noted that any interested public members are welcome to get a tour of the plant.

Fire alarm system is now in place and functional.

There have been no grinder pump repairs since July. It has been a light year for grinder pump repairs.

No word on the Ct DEEP permit at this point.

Mr. Ventres provided a copy of the flyer that is sent out every year. As there are new owners and tenants now in the area, sending out the flyers will ensure that homeowners and tenants will are aware of what causes issues at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Lord asked Mr. Ventres to send out the flyers.

Mr. Abramczyk provided a copy of the contract for the committee to review and provide feedback. He outlined the need for an in-force contract to ensure the insurance policy can be used if needed. He provided an overview of some of the prices and noted that prices have not been increased in over 5 years. The committee asked for additional time and a special meeting in December, to allow the members' time to review and then discuss the contract. Mr. Lord asked the members to send questions to himself and Mr. Ventres, in preparation for the special meeting in December.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Blaschik at 7:45. Second by Mr. Casner and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary