**East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority**
**Municipal Office Complex**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**
**March 16, 2026**

1. Call to Order

   Chairman Lord called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Attendance

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

3. Minutes

   Motion by Mr. Blaschik to approve the December 2, 2025 minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Pettinelli and unanimously approved.

   The November 17, 2025 minutes were held to the next meeting given the lack of attendees who joined that meeting.

4. Discussion

   a. Clean Water Ops Report –

      Mr. Abramcyzk provided an overview on several items:

      The manufacturer of the new SBR actuator valve is now involved. They were adamant about charging for the support, but Mr. Abramcyzk noted that the problem is the manufacturers' so the Town will not be paying for their support. Some internal wiring in the value was questionable that must be addressed on March 25th. The plant wiring was checked, and a few things were updated/addressed but the value still did not work correctly. This has been made custom for the plant, so there is not another one that can be pulled off the shelf.

      Mr. Abramcyzk noted that while this issue has been going on, there has not been any problems or issues with the plant due to it.

      There was a brief power outage recently and the alternate power supply operated as designed.

      He noted that he has had some issues with Osterman Propane and getting them to fill all the propane tanks. There is no active contract with them, and he will look at other providers that ideally can also perform services as well.

He has ordered microC and is trying to find another carbon source that is more affordable option/provider. He would rather not use something that is hazardous.
He noted that they now buy sodium bicarbonate in bulk and then sell it back to the various entities that use it, which enables them to save 20% on that product.

The UV system is going to be coming online soon and will be starting to test in a few weeks. It will be ready to operate per requirements when the time comes this year.

Overall, it has been pretty quiet. They have continued to meet the requirements, and the plant is running very well.

There has only been one grinder pump call out on 40 Creamery Road this year and it will be included in next month's report. It was replaced given the damage done to it. The pump was from 2017.

In the report, 55 gallon drums are what the MicroC is delivered in, and the 55 lb. bags are the sodium bicarbonate.

b. Budget Discussion –

Mr. Ventres provided a spreadsheet and noted that we are at 68% of the budget and have three months left in the fiscal year. We have been averaging $18,000 per month, so we will be under if nothing big happens. The Board of Finance still needs to weigh in on the budget request that he has submitted. The roof on the control building still needs to be replaced this Spring. The cleanouts still have to be installed at the Succor Brook crossing on Lumberyard Road.

c. East Hampton/Colchester WPCA Request –

Mr. Ventres received a letter in January requesting the Town to put together a study for a 30 year build out for wastewater treatment from the East Hampton/Colchester WPCA so they can put together a 30-year plan for their wastewater treatment plant. He found the 2005 plan and there were no representatives from East Haddam, either himself or the Lake Association. He noted that regional plan calls for 200,000 gallons a day, but we are not part of the present users. Mr. Ventres will draft a letter in response denoting:

1) We are a sewer avoidance district.
2) We have no known failures.
3) We have a great working relationship with Chatham Health District. Every seasonal year-round conversion is required by the Planning & Zoning Commission to install a brand-new system, and every building addition is required to show it has a code-compliant septic system.
4) We have been monitoring illegal year-round use around the lakes.
5) With innovative septic systems since the 2005 study, you can now install a code-compliant system that is very, very small in size now.
6) As far as Moodus Center, we have looked at community systems versus eight miles of sewer line to East Hampton.

He will draft the letter and send it to the commissioners for their review and feedback. It would also be sent to the East Hampton Town Council as someone needs to be appointed.

5. Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pettinelli at 7:30. Second by Mr. Blaschik and unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary