East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority
Municipal Office Complex

Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022

1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance

   Members Present: Edward Blaschik, Richard Fiala, Chairman Andrew Lord, Richard Pettinelli
   Members Absent: John Russell and Bob Casner
   Other Present: Zach Dutton, Jim Ventres, Mike Callahan, President of Banner Homeowners Association

3. Minutes
   a. Minutes review –

      Motion by Mr. Fiala to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Pettinelli and unanimously approved.

      Motion by Mr. Pettinelli to add 2022 meeting schedule to the agenda. Second by Mr. Blaschik and unanimously approved.

4. Discussion
   a. Clean Water Ops Report and Bills –

      Mr. Dutton noted that everything looks good. There is a new grinder pump at 15 Main Street, there will be a new user online soon, right behind LaVita restaurant. It is the old real estate office that is being sold and as a condition of the sale, the building had to hook up to the sewer.
      The plant is running very well. There were a couple batteries in the generator that had to be addressed (they were), but other than that, there are no issues.
      East Haddam was a random pick for a giant PFAS study. PFAS is noted as the new emergent pollutant. The effluent will be tested. Mr. Dutton will share what is provided from that study.
      In terms of the budget, it was $76 under budget.

   b. Banner Estates Emergency Fund Payment –

      Mr. Ventres noted that Banner has repaid the loan. Interest has been removed, and it has been paid back accordingly.
      Mr. Callahan provided an overview of the pump station and treatment center work that has been done to keep the system in good working order. Close to $30,000 was spent to fix the issues and now it is in pretty good shape. The Town emergency repair fund was instrumental in getting the repairs financed. Things are fine and in good working order. There are no odors.

In the September minutes, there was discussion related to a generator or onsite backup power. Mr. Ventres noted that Banner Estates applied and were granted from P&Z for an additional 20 units, which requires a new septic area be designed and approved by DEEP. When the original approval went out, the portable generator was acceptable. Mr. Ventres noted that that will be upgraded upon occupancy. There is a generator out there now that can be plugged in but over time there will be different generator system set up.
Upon the CO of each unit, $500 more would be put into the emergency fund to keep it going. This was set up in 1994 or 1995 time period though. Mr. Callahan suggested that the requirements of putting monies into the fund should be amended to include both new sales and resales. Right now the fund is only for new sales. Mr. Ventres will look into the agreement to see if it can be amended to cover resales, upon reassessment. Mr. Callahan said that in the last 18 months, 14 units have sold, which is 30% of the total units. No additional monies have been added to the fund, which has a low interest rate.

c. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Mr. Blaschik to approve the 2022 meeting schedule for the WPCA. Second by Mr. Pettinelli and unanimously approved.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Petinelli at 7:23. Second by Mr. Blaschikand unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary