East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority
Municipal Office Complex

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance

   Members Present: Chairman Andrew Lord, Edward Blaschik, Bob Casner, Kevin Moreau
   Members Absent: John Russell, Richard Fiala, Richard Pettinelli
   Other Present: Jim Ventres

3. Minutes
   a. Minutes review

      September minutes still need to be reviewed as they were not provided in the package for the last meeting.

      A motion by Mr. Blaschik to accept the November 3, 2022 minutes as presented. As Mr. Casner abstained, Mr. Blaschik withdrew his motion given the lack of committee members who attended the last meeting.

      A motion by Mr. Casner to table minutes until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Blaschik and unanimously approved.

4. Discussion
   a. Clean Water Ops Report –

      In Mr. Abramczyk's absence, Mr. Ventres provided an update and noted that the transducer has been ordered and there are still fighting get onto the Net DRM platform. Mr. Lord provided background to Mr. Moreau to explain why ordering a new transducer is so important. Right now there is only one side that is operational, which makes the transducer so important as it allows for the switch and running of the other side of the system.
      Mr. Lord also provided an overview to Mr. Moreau on why the Net DRM platform issues are causing concerns. The platform issues are causing the inability to upload reports showing the quality of the effluent into the CT River. In addition, the reports have been submitted on the behalf of the WPCA by the contracted licensed contractor who has been submitting them on the Town's behalf for many years. Due to a DEEP change, the owner of the system needs to submit the reports, instead of the agent of the owner, which is what is in place for the Town. Mr. Ventres continues to work on resolving the issue to get the reports submitted.

      Banner Estates, which has a community septic system, received a notice of violation, and Mr. Ventres updated the WPCA that he has received a letter noting their compliance. The issue has been resolved. Mr. Lord outlined to Mr. Moreau that the WPCA is responsible, as a

backup, for the system should there be an issue that the Banner community cannot address. To ensure there are funds to address any issue with the system that the Banner community cannot address, there are monies and processes put into place to ensure the WPCA can fulfill its backup obligation if needed.

For the budget, Mr. Ventres discussed that the WPCA has only 1 budget item, and the Town's contribution has been $25,000 over the past 3 years. For the year thus far, $24,600 has been spent and only half the year has passed. The system is almost 30 years old and maintenance will continue to be needed. Mr. Ventres noted that $50,000 is needed in this year's budget cycle, to address the maintenance, and will provide the rationale to the Board of Finance outlining why double is needed in the next fiscal year. There needs to be cash on hand to replace all the components in the plant.

Regarding the house on Landing Hill that requested information about being added to the sewer system, Mr. Ventres has not heard back from the owner. He noted the owner is working through several pieces to determine if connecting to the sewer makes economic sense.

Mr. Blaschik asked that copies of the invoices be included with the report when provided. He also asked why there was a Frontier and an Eversource charge as well, which Mr. Abramczyk noted he would look into that at the last meeting.

As the original company the Town contracted with has been purchased, a new contract will need to be put into place with the new company. Mr. Ventres noted that a more realistic maintenance plan and schedule needs to be put into place within the new contract; he and a representative of the new company will be working together to create the new contract.

5. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary