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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**
**September 18, 2023**

1. Call to Order

   Chairman Lord called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Attendance

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

3. Minutes
   a. Minutes review

      **Motion by Mr. Lord to accept the May 15, 2023, minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Pettinelli and unanimously approved. Mr. Fiala abstained.**

4. Discussion

   **Motion by Mr. Lord to add an agenda item to the WMC report on Banner Lodge's sewage system. Seconded by Mr. Pettinelli and unanimously approved.**

   a. WMC report on Banner Lodge Sewage System

      Mr. Lord provided background and an overview of the topic. The summary of the WMC document is related to the testing completed on the ground water downstream from the leaching fields and general inspection of the system itself. Everything is running as designed but there is elevated levels of nitrogen from one area downstream from the leaching field. There is a proposal to run additional water through the leaching system to further dilute the nitrogen levels. Mr. Lord asked Mr. Ventres if this could cause well water issues or health hazards due to the high nitrogen levels. Due to how far away the wells and other water sources are, there is not a health concern. If there were a concern, WMC would have to report this to the DEEP as the WPCA does not have any jurisdiction over this system at this point.

   b. Clean Water Ops Report –

      Mr. Abramczyk provided an update. There is a new application in process with Clean Water Ops and CLA Engineers providing new data. The application is due by June, but the current permit stays in effect until a new one is issued. When a proposal is provided, Mr. Lord asked Mr. Abramczyk to provide it to the WPCA.

The WPCA is spending more money than in prior years and Mr. Lord would like to get a handle on that. Mr. Ventres noted that WPCA has spent 108% of what has been collected and the budget request was reduced due to the budget not passing. There will need to be an evaluation of what to do – either requesting money from other funds or raising the sewer rates – to address the financial situation. There are no reserves at this point. Discussion ensued related to expenses to support the system and how Mr. Abramczyk and his team are working to actively manage them.

Mr. Abramcyzk provided an overview of the maintenance work that has been completed at the plant, the testing levels and an overall update on the support provided to the town. Even with the rain, he has not seen an uptick in the flows.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pettinelli at 7:30. Second by Mr. Fiala unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary