East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority
Municipal Office Complex

Special Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024

1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance

   Members Present: Chairman Andrew Lord, Edward Blaschik, Richard Pettinelli
   Members Absent: John Russell, Bob Casner, Richard Fiala
   Others Present: Jim Ventres, Land Use Administrator, Will Abramczyk, Clean Water Operations, Katherine Kneeland, Clean Water Operations, Michael Callahan, Clean Water Operations.

3. Discussion

   a. Clean Water Ops Report –

   Mr. Abramczyk provided an update on the newest discoveries of equipment that need to be addressed.
   He introduced the new day to day operator, Katherine Kneeland from the East Haddam plant, who is a Class 3 operator. She has laboratory expertise as well. There has been quite a bit of work and extra hours at the East Haddam plan due to the issue discovered in late 2023.
   There was a list of 11 items provided that Mr. Abramczyk reviewed with the commission. He educated the group as to the moisture issue in the unheated building due to the higher temperature of the effluent that causes condensation and the work that is underway to address it and the subsequent mold that is growing on the walls.
   Mr. Abramczyk provided a quick update on the UV system's work. The commission asked Mr. Abramczyk to price out what it would cost to replace the UV system for financial planning purposes.
   SBR2 has a pump that needs to be replaced, from which Mr. Abramczyk has received a quote of $13,000 to replace the full system. He is researching another option to see if there is a cheaper option. There are two pumps – an EQ pump and a Was pump. The EQ tank has a pump that goes out to the river to feed the effluent and the other pump is a waste pump that moves the solids from the SBR tank to the holding tank to be removed.
   There are several maintenance repairs needed to ensure the system works effectively and as designed.
   Mr. Lord and Mr. Pettinelli outlined that the operating system with the plant has reached the end of its intended life cycle and there is a need for a budget and maintenance plan to be put into place to replace the working components of the plant. There will need to be additional monies for capital improvement that will need to be requested from the Town at some point to address the maintenance costs.
   Mr. Ventres noted that budget discussions are underway so the WPCA will need to request an additional $35,000 to cover the maintenance issues outlined by Mr. Abramczyk.
   Discussion ensued related to the reseeding of the plan t with healthy bugs to address the issue that was discussed where all the healthy bugs were killed off by an unknown chemical. They have cleaned out the system but there is still an issue. A sample has been sent to a lab to

identify the medals and substances in the effluent to try to determine the substance that is affecting the healthy bugs.

b. Replacement of Pumps –

Mr. Abramczyk reviewed the pump estimates he received with the commission. Discussion ensued related to the fact that the new replacement pump will go into SBR2, and the existing pump in SBR2 will be removed and kept as a backup for the pump in SBR1.

Discussion ensued related to the priorities, with the top priority being to replace the base on the p-pump.

A motion by Mr. Pettinelli to authorize the spending of $5000 and change to put a new base on the p-pump. Seconded by Mr. Blaschik and unanimously approved.

Further discussion ensued to what the next priority would be and it would be to

A motion by Mr. Blaschik to move forward with the proposal from January 26, 2024 for $13,363 and not to exceed $400 in freight to replace the Was pump. Seconded by Mr. Pettinelli and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ventres will call Nathan L. Jacobsen to ask for a quote on evaluating the facility to get clarity on pricing.

c. 23 Main Street – Society Hall Tavern/3 Air B&B Units/1 apartment

Mr. Ventres provided an update on the work and a floor plan is pending. Once the floor plan is provided, Mr. Ventres will put the topic on the next meeting agenda.

d. Banner Estates Association – Request loan for pump replacement

There was a pump failure in October that was replaced, and Banner Estates would like to leverage the Town's funding to provide them with additional liquidity. They spent just under $3000 to pump it and $10,000 to replace the equipment. The funds would be repaid within a year. Mr. Blaschik asked if $12,000 with a $1000 a month repayment plan would work; the Banner representative noted that would be fine.

A motion by Mr. Blaschik to loan $12,000 to Banner Estates to be repaid in monthly installments of $1000 for 12 consecutive months, commencing on April 1. Seconded by Mr. Pettinelli and unanimously approved.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pettinelli at 8:16. Second by Mr. Blaschik and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary