

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2015**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The Meeting of the Town of East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority was held at the Colchester - East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mark Barmasse, John Suprono, Jason Wright, David Hitchcock, Ralph Nesci, Daniel Valentine and Kerry Comisky (*Mr. Valentine and Ms. Comisky arrived at 6:04 P.M. during discussion of revised agenda item 2.5 Hampton Woods, Revisit Approved Developer's Permit Agreement [formerly agenda item 5D1]*)

Other Attendee(s) Tim Smith, Public Utilities Administrator

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barmasse called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Special Meeting of June 9, 2015

Upon a motion by Mr. Nesci, seconded by Mr. Suprono, the member's approved the Meeting Minutes as presented from June 9, 2015. **Vote 3-0-2** (Mr. Wright and Mr. Hitchcock abstained as they were not members until July)

Motion Passed.

B. Special Meeting of June 16, 2015

Upon a motion by Mr. Nesci, seconded by Chairman Barmasse, the member's approved the Meeting Minutes as presented from June 9, 2015. **Vote 2-0-3** (Mr. Suprono, Mr. Wright and Mr. Hitchcock abstained.)

Motion Passed.

C. Public Hearing of July 7, 2015

Upon a motion by Mr. Suprono, seconded by Mr. Wright, the member's approved the Minutes as presented from July 7, 2015. **Vote 4-0-1** (Mr. Nesci abstained)

Motion Passed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Suprono, seconded by Mr. Nesci, the member's approved the movement of agenda item 5D1 - Hampton Woods, Revisit Approved Developer's Permit Agreement - to agenda item 2.5.

2.5 Sewer Development

Hampton Woods, Revisit Approved Developer's Permit Agreement

Developer, Peter Carli, was in attendance for this discussion in order to address any questions members might have. Mr. Smith began by recapping the history of this agreement that has been delayed for many years due to economy (a memo that has been made part of these minutes was distributed to accompany the discussion). With activities beginning again, Mr. Smith, informed members that the Town's

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Engineer, Bob Deluca has completed review and is discussing only a few minor observations with Mr. Carli's team. In response to member's questions, Mr. Smith and Mr. Carli confirmed the content of the Developer's Agreement, (Bonds, leins, fees, etc.) and that the WPCA will own the sewer pump stations and will be responsible for maintenance after the 12 month warranty. It was also confirmed that water is under a separate agreement and is being handled separately.

The following motion moved by Mr. Suprono and seconded by Mr. Nesci was unanimously approved:

Resolved: That the East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority does hereby authorize Management to work with Mr. Carli in order to move forward with (& sign) the Wastewater Services Developer's Permit Agreement – Hampton Woods.

3. Public Remarks

None

4. Review of Correspondence

Mr. Smith shared a list of correspondence for the months of June and July 2015 (made part of these minutes). After review, members discussed the following correspondence in more detail:

5/29 – Re: Lead and copper testing at 47 Royal Oaks Avenue

6/3 & 6/17 – Re: The lack of disruption to the shared lateral from construction of an addition at 193 East High Street

6/16 – Re: Installation of a discharge meter at 244 Middletown Ave. in order to monitor and bill for the backwash produced at the property.

5. Discussion/Action on the following Committee Reports

A. Joint Facilities Committee

Mr. Smith shared with members that things are running well from a Joint Facilities perspective. He highlighted a discussion point from the last JF meeting around the significantly lower than usual nitrogen numbers being reported and explained that the numbers were in fact correct and were a result of the increase in liquid hauling that occurred in June. He also shared that, with the current contract up for renewal in June 2016, this anomaly has prompted management to look into the benefits of hauling liquid vs. pressed solids. Mr. Smith also shared that CDM has informed management that the RDT Project will be substantially delayed due to the submittal process taking longer than anticipated. He informed members that the delay, while not costing us any more money will mean that rather than an October schedule for installation, we are looking at a December or January schedule. He will keep this group, as well as the Joint Facilities Board informed of Project progress and revised schedule once known.

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B. Operations, Management & Budget Committee

1) 14/15 Budget Status & 2) 14/15 Operations Budget Wrap Up

Mr. Smith informed members that the 2014/15 FY budgets (both waste water and water) are still "wrapping up" and that his team and the finance department are working diligently to get everything done. Focusing the discussion on waste water, He stated that with \$16,000 (\$14,000 of it supplies and materials) in encumbrances, there will be some left when the books are closed. He also stated that the revenues side should close around \$24,000 in the black. He informed members that he should have the final (un-audited) 2014/15 budgets to share next month.

2) Recommendation for 2015/16 Proposed Sewer Use Rates & Set Public Hearing Date

Mr. Smith shared a memo (made part of these minutes) that summarized the 2014/15 sewer user fees and outlined his recommendations for the 2015/16 rates. After some discussion, Mr. Smith was asked to provide some additional calculations before the members act on the resolution and set the Public Hearing Date.

Upon a motion by Mr. Suprono, seconded by Mr. Nesci, the member's approved the scheduling of a Special Meeting on August 18th, 2015 at 6:00 pm. for the continued discussion on proposed 2015/16 sewer user rates and the setting of a Public Hearing Date. **Vote: 7- 0**

Motion Passed.

C. Public Water Systems

1) Village Center Operations

The automatic backwash system continues to backwash inconsistently. In order to get it working properly it was concluded that all 36 diaphragm valves need to be replaced. This will occur in the next few weeks and will cost approximately \$7,000.

2) Royal Oaks Operations

Pumps 3 and 4 failed last month. While water quality was not impacted, both pumps had to be replaced. The replacement costs are not yet known but will have an impact on the budget as they were not anticipated.

Mr. Nesci then moved the discussion to options for improving the water at Royal Oaks. Options included expanding the current building that houses the filters and/or adding additional shelters for additional filters. While everyone agreed that water quality is still an issue at Royal Oaks and should be addressed, it was noted that the surcharges associated

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will not “go over well” given the significant increase in water rates. Chairman Barmasse recalled a study completed a few years ago relative to options and suggested Management locate and share those options at the next meeting. He also suggested that something be drafted and shared with the Town Council when the anticipated barrage of questions starts coming as a result of the rate increases. Mr. Nesci also suggested putting something in the local papers to show the town the issue(s) are not being ignored.

a. Water Rates

Mr. Smith informed the members that the new water rates went into affect on August 1, 2015 and customers will be receiving their water bills mid-month. All members agreed that public reaction is expected once bills are received.

3) Villages at Long Crossing

No Update

4) Hampton Woods

Covered under item 2.5 above.

D. Sewer Development

1) Hampton Woods, Revisit Approved Developer’s Permit Agreement

Covered under item 2.5 above

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

Mr. Nesci shared a discussion he had with Mr. Susco, prior to Mr. Smith’s arrival about looking into the use of turbines installed in the sewer lines to generate electricity from the waste water. Mr. Nesci had done some research and suggested it be looked into more. Chairman Barmasse recalled a study done 6 or 7 years ago to look at the viability of turbines (and even another study looking at solar) and remembers that, at that time, it was not found to be a viable option. Mr. Nesci repeated his request that it be looked at again and informed the members that he would distribute the information he has to all.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Suprono made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mr. Valentine and unanimously carried; the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Renee Bafumi
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by a unanimous vote of the East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority on _____, 2015.