

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 2019**

APPROVED 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 6, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mark Barmasse, Kerry Comisky, David Terry, Peter Villa, Mike Filanda and Anthony DeSimone

Not Present: John Suprono

Other Attendee(s) Scott Clayton, Public Utilities Administrator and Ben Gilmore Chief Water Plant Operator, Interim

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barmasse called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of June 4, 2019

Mr. Terry made a motion to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Filanda. **Vote 5-0, 1 abstained. Motion Passed.**

B. Public Hearing of June 4, 2019-Water Rates

Mr. Terry made a motion to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Filanda. **Vote 5-0, 1 abstained. Motion Passed.**

C. Public Hearing of June 4, 2019-Skyline Estates

Mr. Terry made a motion to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Filanda. **Vote 5-0, 1 abstained. Motion Passed.**

3. Public Remarks-None

4. Review of Correspondence

A. Town Attorney E-Mail regarding Connection fees

After reviewing the existing Developer's Permit Agreements for Skyline Estates dated March 21, 2007 and September 8, 2008 , it's been determined that "The WPCA may not unilaterally increase the amount of the voluntary lien for connection charges because the Developer's Permit Agreement fixes the connection charge, is a lien upon each lot, and does not expire until paid". Any new Developer's Permit Agreements approved on or after June 4, 2019 will be required to pay a unit outlet charge in the amount of the current rate established annually by the WPCA per unit for the residential buildings payable at the time of issuance of the sewer permit". Copies distributed and made part of these minutes.

B. Bill for Hampton Woods (Woodard and Curran)

Mr. Clayton reported that there is an outstanding bill and Purchase Order from 2018 for Woodard & Curran (W&C) for approx. \$8,000 for engineering fee associated with the building of the Hampton Woods water pumps station. It's the understanding that these fees were possibly created by the

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property owner directly in assistance with the construction of the pump station. Committee request additional documentation from W&C as to the specifics of the work provided as well as reaching out to previous PUA for interpretation. Attorney's been instructed to lien property for funds due plus attorney fees.

*Motion was made by Mrs. Comisky. Pending results of discussion with W&C. & Tim Smith, bill shall be paid with funds be taken from the water capital fund and a lien will be placed on property to recover funds when property is sold. Seconded by Mr. Terry and approved. **Vote: 6-0; Motion Passed***

5. Committee Reports

A. Joint Facilities Committee

No major items to report.

B. Operations, Management & Budget Committee

1) Budget Status FY 2018/19

Mr. Clayton presented the budget status for the 2018/19. WPCA Expense account will close in the negative. Transfer has been made to the Capital fund. The Revenue should close in the positive at approx. \$130.8K. Village Center and Royal Oaks Water System are expected to close expenses on budget. The Revenue account for Village Center and Royal Oaks are currently at a negative not including July payments.

The 2018/19 budget should be closed out by the end of August. Copies of the current Revenue and Expense budgets were distributed and made part of these minutes.

C. Public Water Systems

Mr. Clayton reported that the DEEP & DPH are recommending a Public PFAS information session. The Committee feels that the Public Hearing should be led by the Town Council who governs the East Hampton town owned water systems and a separate session for Chatham Health which oversees the private wells.

WPCA has been proactive and sampled the East Hampton town owned water system wells and the water samples have come back as non-detect and below the current standards (70ppt) indicating the water is safe for drinking. The Committee would like to review the draft (information session handout) prior to sending to State.

1) Village Center Water System Operations

Mr. Clayton reported that the DPH water sampling for treated water came back as non-detect. Raw water sample came in under as required by DPH and EPA. Green sand filters will be done in the near future.

2) Royal Oaks Water System Operations

The DPH water sampling for treated water came back as 15.5ppt total for total well #5 (PFAS must be under 70 part per trillion).

DPH recommends keeping the Memorial School and Royal Oaks well #1 wells off as this time.

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3) Hampton Woods Water System

No new information to report.

4) Municipal Water System Update

Mr. Clayton is currently working on get three quotes to review the proposals submitted by Aquarian and Connecticut Water.

D. Sewer Development

None

6. Old Business, Discussion/Action

A. Bids for Pump Stations (N. Main)

Bid has been given to Paramount Construction.

B. Pine Trail Force Main

Mr. Clayton reached out to CLA Engineering to do the design bid for the Pine Trail Force Main. They estimate \$30K for design, bid specs, engineering and inspection and approx. \$130K for cost for construction. Mr. Clayton recommends that this project moves forward for this year.

*Motion was made by Mr. Terry to authorize Mr. Clayton to contract CLA Engineering to do the design and bid procurement for the Pine Trail Force Main project. Seconded by Mrs. Comisky. **Vote: 6-0 Motion Passed***

7. New Business, Discussion/Action

A. 19/20 Sewer rate discussion

Mr. Clayton reiterated a previous discussion and agreed upon rate change made on April 2nd, 2019, recommending the 19/20 Sewer Rates of \$455.00 per EDU and \$150.00 for grinder pumps maintained by the WPCA. Fact sheet on increase will be available at the public hearing.

B. Set Public Hearing for Sewer Rates, 9/3/19

A discussion was made to set the date for a Public Hearing to present the 2019/20 Sewer Use Rates as agreed on April 2, 2019.

*Motion made by Mr. Desimone and seconded by Mr. Filanda to approve the date as recommended (September 3rd, 2019 @ 6:30 pm). **Vote: 6-0. Motion Passed.***

C. New Item

Mr. Desimone asked about why sewer is not available for the new KOCO building (201 West High St. plaza). Mr. Clayton recalled the cost to hookup including a pump station and a force main was too costly for the developer.

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8. Adjournment

Mrs. Comisky made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Terry and approved. **Vote: 6-0;**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda B. Connors
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by a unanimous vote of the East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority on September 3, 2019.