# TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING October 1, 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, October 1, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mark Barmasse, David Terry, Peter Villa, John Suprono, Anthony DeSimone and Mike Filanda

**Not Present:** Kerry Comisky

**Other Attendee(s)** Scott Clayton, Public Utilities Administrator, Ben Gilmore Chief Water Plant Operator and David Cox, East Hampton Town Manager

#### 1. Call to Order

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

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

#### A. Regular Meeting of September 3, 2019

Mr. Villa made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Terry. *Vote 4-0, 2 abstained. Motion Passed.* 

#### B. Public Hearing Meeting of September 3, 2019

Mr. DeSimone made a motion to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Terry. *Vote 4-0, 2 abstained. Motion Passed.* 

Mr. Barmasse introduced the new East Hampton Town Manager David Cox.

#### 3. Public Remarks-None

#### 4. Review of Correspondence

A. None

#### 5. Committee Reports

#### A. Joint Facilities Committee

A Special meeting was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the purchase or repair of the Ford F450 crane truck. The decision was made to purchase a new truck in lieu of repairing existing Ford F450.

#### **B. Operations, Management & Budget Committee**

#### 1) Budget Status FY 2018/19 & 2019/20

Mr. Clayton presented the budget status for 18/19 (not audited) and 19/20. Significant items for WPCA for 18/19 created the overspending of line Item 5430 from Force Main breaks and additional pumps and repairs by approx. \$69K and line item 5690 "Other Supplies" from Grinder pump repairs by approx. \$29K. The Water systems revenue will close short. The estimated revenue budget and uncollected revenue will be examined at budget time. The installations of new carbon filters and continuous repairs at both water systems account for the overage for line item 5430. Mr. Barmasse requested addional information on WPCA Line item 5890 "Other" from the 2018/19 budget. As well as the

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number of accounts still in arears and the overall balance owed. Staff will research and provide information for next meeting.

19/20 Pension line item to be reviewed. Line #5430 and #5690 are already reporting at 50% used some of which is encumbered for current projects. Mr. Clayton estimates both water systems budgets to be overspent due to repairs and PFAS testing at year end.

#### C. Public Water Systems

#### 1) Village Center Water System Operations

Two greensand filters and two carbon filters have been rebeded. The back washing is now being done two times per week and the Inspection and cleaning of the tank has been completed. System Flushing is scheduled for 10/1 to 10/3 and again 10/8 to 10/10.

#### 2) Royal Oaks Water System Operations

Well pump was pulled and replaced.

#### 3) Hampton Woods Water System

**Nothing to Report** 

#### 4) Municipal Water System Update

Mr. Clayton reported that the Town Council has hired DPC consulting to review the Water Services bid proposals from Connecticut Water Co and Aquarian.

#### **D. Sewer Development**

1. None

#### 6. Old Business, Discussion/Action

#### A. Pump Stations Progress (N. Main)

Paramount Construction has started work and estimates job to be complete in December.

#### **B. Pine Trail Force Main**

Mr. Clayton reported that project is in the design stage with CLA and it should be ready for bid in December with an estimated spring start.

#### 7. Capital Planning

Mr. Cox is looking for a representative to speak with Town Council (if requested) to discuss how the current sewer rates were determined. Mr. Cox will report to the Council the overall reasoning for the current rate increase i.e. the increase of repairs for a 40 year old system and necessary system upgrades and will contact Mr. Clayton if the Council would like to have someone from the WPCA at the next meeting.

Mr. DeSimone presented a conceptual revenue and expense synopsis including but not limited to sewer rates, median household income, extra capital fees and accounts billed on water from the surrounding area towns. The board is committed to opening the discussion of sewers rates and overall budget for the next projected 5yrs.

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Mr. Suprono left at 7:30pm

#### 8. New Business, Discussion/Action

#### 8. Adjournment

Mr. Villa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Terry and approved. **Vote: 5-0**; The meeting was adjourned at 7:56p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda B. Connors Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by a vote of 6-1, 1 abstained by the East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority on November 5, 2019.