

**Town of East Hampton  
Water Pollution Control Authority  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Mark Barmasse, Dave Terry, John Suprono Kerry Comisky, Mike Filanda, Anthony DeSimone (6:03pm) and Peter Villa (6:15pm)

**Not Present:**

**Other Attendee(s)** Scott Clayton, Public Utilities Administrator and Ben Gilmore, Superintendent Joint Facilities

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Barmasse called the October 5th, 2021 regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021**

Mr. Terry made a motion to approve the September 7, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Comisky. ***Vote 5-0, Motion passed***

**2. Public Hearing of September 7, 2021 (Sewer Rates)**

Mr. Suprono made a motion to approve the September 7, 2021 Pubic Hearing meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Terry. ***Vote 5-0, Motion passed***

**3. Public Remarks**

**A. None**

**4. Review of Correspondence**

**A. 13 Summit Street**

Mr. Clayton relayed the letter that went out to the property owner of 13 Summit St. which included details of the Boards decision for not waiving the past due sewer fees. The property owner has not responded as of this date. *Copies of letter distributed and made part of these minutes.*

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Joint Facilities**

Mr. Gilmore reported on the Plant handling large inflow of rain during recent storms with no issues. Additional project in the works include changing to more cost-effective mixers and septages pit pumps, the lighting upgrade for the Plant is scheduled for this month and the Colchester Force Main is tentatively scheduled for the end of November at an estimated cost of \$450,000. Jim Paggioli: Public Works Director for the Town of Colchester and Colchester's liaison for Joint Facilities has retired. A permanent replacement hasn't been determined.

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

**1. Budget Status FY 2020/21**

Mr. Clayton reported on the 20/21 budget and noted that the fiscal year budget has still not officially been closed out. Revenue for WPCA is reporting at 103.% and Operations is reporting at 145%.

Revenue from water customers for Village Center is reporting at 80.6 % collected and Royal Oaks is reporting at 100.1.% collected. Operations is reporting at 58.% spent for Village Center and 59.4% spent at Royal Oaks. *Copies distributed and made part of these minute.*

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**2. Budget Status FY 2021/22**

2021/22 Revenue and Expenses for all accounts show minimal changes this early in the fiscal year. The 2021/2022 Sewer bills were mailed out by the Tax office. Reimbursement was received from the State of CT for the damaged manhole and valve boxes. *Copies distributed and made part of these minute.*

**C. Public Water Systems**

**1. Village Center Water System Operations**

Mr. Gilmore reported that the chemical fee pump was replaced. The Lead and Copper test came back passed. Mr. Barmasse asked about DEEP performing PFAS testing in East Hampton. Mr. Clayton stated that the DEEP has been testing private wells around the Village Center area but has not been contacted by DEEP with their results. Mr. Filanda reported that the Masonic Temple results came out (undetected) good.

**2. Royal Oaks Water System Operations**

Well pump #4 needs replacement. Mr. Gilmore recommends having a separate VFD on the 3<sup>rd</sup> booster pump and also the computer that controls this pump is over 15yrs old and needs replacement in the future.

**3. Hampton Woods Water System**

Nothing to report

**4. Municipal Water System Update**

Nothing to report

**D. Sewer Development**

**1. Sewer Service Area (not on agenda)**

Mr. DeSimone addressed looking at the WPCA Facilities Plan. Specifically, the sewer service area. There is a concerned with developers adding septic in lieu of sewer in sewer service areas. Mr. Clayton will check with P&Z regarding the future Plan of Conservation (last updated 2016) for the Town in relation to sewer as well as obtain any updated maps that may be available. Mr. Clayton will add "Sewer Service Area discussion" as a new agenda item.

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

**A. Connection Charge discussion**

After a lengthy conversation, the Board agreed to table the Connection Charge discussion to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Board has requested additional connection charge rates from surrounding towns i.e. Glastonbury, East Haddam etc. for next meeting. *Copies distributed and made part of these minute.*

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**7. Capital Planning**

**A. Pine Trail and North Maple Force Main**

The two (2) force main replacements will not be completed this fall. The engineering company is now looking at possibly lining the 4" pipe for Pine Trail and North Maple due to the close proximity to the lake and wet lands.

**8. Executive Session**

**A. None**

**9. Adjournment**

Mr. Suprono made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Terry. ***Vote: 7-0, Motion Passed***  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda B. Connors  
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by a **Vote: 6-0**, approved by the East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority on November 2, 2021.