

Town of East Hampton
Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Colchester-East Hampton Treatment Plant Meeting Room and Zoom

MINUTES

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

Not Present: Dave Terry and Kerry Comisky

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Barmasse called the March 7, 2023 meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of February 7, 2023

Mr. Villa made a motion to approve the February 7, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Suprono. **Vote 4-0, 1 abstained**

3. Public Remarks

A. None

4. Review of Correspondence

A. None

5. Committee Reports

A. Joint Facilities

The Joint Facilities Board approved the 2023/24 Joint Facilities Operating Budget which included a reduction of \$100K to Capital. The PLC in the secondary building failed and will need to be replaced at an approx. cost of \$25K. The septage receiving Lakeside machine internals needs repair at an approx. cost of \$150K.

B. Operations, Management & Budget Committee

1. Budget Status FY 22/23

Mr. Clayton reported on the 22/23 budget. Revenue is reporting at 70.4%. Expenses are reporting at 71.66%. Revenue collected from water customers for Town Center and Royal Oaks is running behind at 48.4% and 48.3% respectively. Operations is reporting at 56.2% spent for Town Center and 65.8% spent at Royal Oaks. *Copies distributed and made part of these minute*

C. Public Water Systems

1. Village Center Water System Operations

System is running well. The lower galley will have between 6 and 8 lights (15yr old) replaced.

2. Royal Oaks Water System Operations

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Mr. Clayton reported that there have been more complaints of iron in the water and is proposing adding two (2) new green sand filters and a baffle tank with a purge valve. The new filters will be used as polishing filters. The approx. cost of \$25K will be funded out of Capital. Mr. Villa asked if job needs to go out to bid. *Mr. Clayton will confirm bid requirements with Town Manager.*

Mr. DeSimone made a motion to authorize management to proceed with emergency repair request to the Town Council based on management's recommendation and quotes provided. Seconded by Mr. Filanda. **Vote: 4-0, 1 abstained.**

3. Hampton Woods Water System

Nothing to report.

4. Municipal Water System Update

The discussion at the most recent meeting included but not limited to, low pressure zones and high-pressure zones and entertaining having a public meeting to share the tentative plans.

D. Sewer Development

1. Sewer Service Area Discussion

New development on South Main Street was briefly discussed.

6. Old Business, Discussion/Action

A. Connection Charge discussion

Nothing to report.

7. Capital Planning

A. Pine Trail, North Maple and Princess Pocotopaug Force Main

Work has begun at Pine Trail. Two (2) change orders were added for pressure grouting and clamping a leak that appeared after cleaning the line.

8. New Business, Discussion/Action

A. WPCA Budget Presentation FY 23/24

The WPCA committee conducted a final review of the recommended operating and revenue budget for 2023/24 fiscal year. The budget of \$1,972,767.47 reflects a proposed increase in expenses of \$93,744.89 or 4.75% over last year, with the increase largely attributable to the Capital funding increase and the increase to the Interfund Services for Joint Facilities.

Approval of Sewer Rates to be determined at a public hearing in September.

Management recommends that the 2023/24 Town of East Hampton WPCA Operating Budget, totaling \$ 1,972,767.47, be approved and adopted substantially as amended and made part of these minutes. Motion was made by Mr. DeSimone, second by Mr. Suprono.

Vote: 5-0 Copies were distributed and made part of these minutes.

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9. **Adjournment**

Mr. Suprono made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Filanda. **Vote: 5-0**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda B. Connors
Recording Secretary