

Town of East Hampton
Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Colchester-East Hampton Treatment Plant Meeting Room and Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Mark Barmasse, John Suprono, Dave Terry, Kerry Comisky, Peter Villa and Anthony DeSimone (6:05pm)

Not Present: Mike Filanda

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Barmasse called the May 2, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of April 4, 2023

Mr. Terry made a motion to approve the April 4, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Villa. **Vote 5-0**

3. Public Remarks

A. None

4. Review of Correspondence

A. None

5. Committee Reports

A. Joint Facilities

There was no Regular meeting in April. Three (3) quotes have been received for the PLC computer for the Secondary building. The chlorine system has been turned on. Air leaks, which were causing issues with ammonia have been detected and are in the process of being repaired.

B. Operations, Management & Budget Committee

1. Budget Status FY 22/23

Mr. Clayton reported on the 22/23 budget. Revenue is reporting at 81.9%. Expenses are reporting at 91.7%.

A few wooden fence rails around one of the pumps stations at Laurel Ridge are rotted and broken and need to be replaced.

A new drainage trench project (Park & Rec) in the Brookhaven beach area has caused some concerns, as the drainage trench was being laid directly over the new force main. As a precaution, insulation was laid to protect the sewer line from freezing and a concrete slab was poured over the pipe.

Revenue collected from water customers for Town Center and Royal Oaks is running behind at 58.9% and 64.0% respectively. Operations is reporting at 61.3% spent for

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Town Center and 73.6% spent at Royal Oaks. *Copies distributed and made part of these minutes.*

C. Public Water Systems

1. Village Center Water System Operations

System showed double the water usage for a few days last month which may have stemmed from Center School. Possibly a toilet running for approx. two (2) days. The system was using up to 1000gal an hour.

2. Royal Oaks Water System Operations

Three (3) quotes have been received for the greensand filter and bladder tank project. Proposals were approximately \$25k, \$27.6k and \$33.8k. Bids will be submitted to the Town Manger for review.

3. Hampton Woods Water System

Nothing to report.

4. Municipal Water System Update

The system hydraulic modeling has been completed. The Sub-Committee will be looking at additional sites for water storage tanks and pump stations.

D. Sewer Development

1. Sewer Service Area Discussion

Nothing to report

6. Old Business, Discussion/Action

A. Water Budget Approval to send to Town Council

After review and discussion, the Board made the following budget recommendation for all systems totaling \$241,730.00 which represents an increase of 1.60% or \$3,806.00 over last year. The 2023/24 budget will require an increase in water rates to \$12.00/1000gallons. The monthly meter charge will remain the same at \$40.00 per month/EMU. The recommended budget will be presented to the Town Council on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Motion was made by Mr. DeSimone to submit the recommended 2023/24 Water Budget to Town Council, Seconded by Mr. Terry. ***Vote 6-0 Motion Passed***

B. Connection Charge discussion

Mr. DeSimone recommended starting the discussion on the connection charge rates at the next WPCA meeting.

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7. Capital Planning

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

The video footage of the camera inspection of a section (between the small house and the beach) of pipe at Pine Trail has been lost per the contractor. New video footage would require digging up and cutting the pipe. In lieu of digging up the pipe the contractor has agreed to an extended 2yr. warranty.

In light on the loss of the video documentation, the Board requests written verification and acceptance from CLA Engineering stating that CLA staff was present at the time of the camera inspection on section noted at Pine Trail and substantiates what was seen on the video footage and trust there were no issues with the lining.

The contractor has provided a written agreement to fix any issues with the force main during the requested postponement of the Bay/Princess force main repairs for the fall.

8. New Business, Discussion/Action

A. Set date for PH on Water Rates 6/6/23

Motion was made by Mrs. Comisky to set the Public Hearing for the Water budget on June 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Suprono. ***Vote 6-0 Motion Passed***

9. Adjournment

Mr. Suprono made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Villa. ***Vote: 6-0***

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda B. Connors
Recording Secretary