

Town of East Hampton
Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Colchester-East Hampton Treatment Plant Meeting Room and Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Mark Barmasse, John Suprono (6:10pm), Peter Villa, Dave Terry and Anthony DeSimone

Not Present: Mike Filanda

Other Attendee(s) Scott Clayton, Public Utilities Administrator

1. Call to Order

Mr. Barmasse called the September 5, 2023 meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of August 1, 2023

Mr. Terry made a motion to approve the August 1, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Villa. **Vote: 3-0, 1 abstained**

B. Public Hearing Water Rates June 6, 2023

Mr. Villa made a motion to approve the June 6, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. DeSimone. **Vote: 3-0, 1 abstained**

3. Public Remarks

A. None

4. Review of Correspondence

A. Letter of Resignation/Retirement

Mr. Clayton has submitted his written letter of resignation and retirement effective December 29, 2023. *Copies distributed and made part of these minutes.*

Mr. Suprono joined the meeting at 6:10pm.

5. Committee Reports

A. Joint Facilities

There was no meeting in August. The Superintendent position has been posted. The Ford F250 with plow has been delivered and the Ford F450 crane vehicle has been ordered. Work on the Lakeside receiving station is pending contractor's availability. Toxicity testing has been sent out.

B. Operations, Management & Budget Committee

1. Budget Status FY 22/23

Mr. Clayton reported on the 22/23 budget. Revenue is reporting at 99.8%. Expenses are reporting at 93.5%. The Tax office has mailed out 320 delinquent/Intent to Lien notices with the hope to collect before the October bills go out.

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Chairman Barmasse called for a recess of the meeting and opened the Public Hearing on the Sewer Use charges at 6:30pm. The regular meeting resumed pending public remarks.

Revenue collected from water customers for Town Center and Royal Oaks is posted in arrears at 96.0% and 97.2% respectively. Operations is reporting at 62.1% spent for Town Center and 101.4% spent at Royal Oaks. There was a brief review of the 2023/24 budget reports acknowledging that it is informational only at this point given there are no significant expenditures to date this early in the fiscal year. *Copies distributed and made part of these minutes.*

C. Public Water Systems

1. Village Center Water System Operations

The system is being switched over to a new hypo. Annual PFAS testing is forthcoming.

2. Royal Oaks Water System Operations

The system is being switched over to a new hypo. Annual PFAS testing is forthcoming.

3. Hampton Woods Water System

None

4. Municipal Water System Update

Mr. Clayton reported that there are few properties having an issue with salt in their wells. Mr. Terry stated that he's been in contact with the Town Manager with his thoughts and recommendations.

Mr. Suprono made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Sewer Rates at 6:45pm, seconded by Mr. Terry. **Vote: 5-0**

D. Sewer Development

1. Sewer Service Area Discussion

Two of the Salt Pond apartment buildings at Edgewater Hill are now occupied. Three new developments are also in planning. The South Main St development will be connected to sewer, however the Flanders Road and Long Crossing developments will not.

6. Old Business, Discussion/Action

A. Connection Charge discussion

None

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7. Capital Planning

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

Work has been completed on the Bay/Princess force main and is pending CLA Engineering's approval.

8. New Business, Discussion/Action

A. Sewer Rate discussion and approval

RESOLVED: The annual sewer user fee for gravity connections to be \$560.00/EDU and for those properties served by grinder pumps maintained by the WPCA the fee will be \$350.00/EDU totaling \$910.00.

The sewer connection fee for a residential single-family home will be at \$3,500.00 "unless otherwise established" that are connecting to the existing wastewater system. Furthermore, all other connectors will pay a multiple of the residential connection fee equivalent to their assessed Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) at the time of connection. All rates are to be effective October 1, 2023.

Mr. Terry made a motion to adopt Sewer Rates for FY 23/24 (see resolution above). The motion was seconded by Mr. DeSimone. **Vote: 5-0 Motion Passed.**

B. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Motion made by Mr. DeSimone to elect Mr. Barmasse as Chairman and seconded by Mr. Terry. **Vote: 5-0. Motion Passed.**

Motion made by Mr. DeSimone to elect Mr. Suprono as Vice- Chairman and seconded by Mr. Terry. **Vote: 5-0. Motion Passed**

9. Executive Session

None

10. Adjournment

Mr. Suprono made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DeSimone. **Vote: 5-0**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda B. Connors
Recording Secretary