

Town of East Hampton
Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Colchester-East Hampton Treatment Plant Meeting Room and Zoom

MINUTES

Present: John Suprono, Mike Filanda, Peter Villa, Dave Terry (Zoom) and Anthony DeSimone (6:05)

Not Present: Mark Barmasse

Other Attendee(s) Scott Clayton, Public Utilities Administrator

1. Call to Order

Mr. Suprono called the October 3, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023

Mr. Villa made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Terry. **Vote: 3-0, 1 abstained**

B. Public Hearing of September 5, 2023

Mr. Villa made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 Public Hearing meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Terry. **Vote: 3-0, 1 abstained**

3. Public Remarks

A. Two (2) attendees. No remarks (signed off at 6:09 pm)

4. Review of Correspondence

A. 55 Clark Hill Road *not include on original agenda*

Mr. Clayton reported on behalf of the property owners Jim and Elizabeth Greig, that there is an issue (outlet pipe is cracked) with their septic system. The WPCA sewer ordinance states in article 4, repairs or replacement of septic systems is not allowed if sewer is available. There is a sewer lateral available to connect to the sewer however, the house sits approx. 400 feet back from the road and has a brook running through the property that the sewer line would have to go under to connect which would be very costly.

Mr. Desimone asked if the septic system is compliant and that it's not polluting the ground water and also request that the Chatham Health Department signs off that this is not a failed septic system.

Mr. Clayton is requesting an approval of a variance, if the Health Department signs off that septic system is ok after the repairs are completed and should the septic system fail in the future the property would have to be connected to the sewer.

Mr. Villa made a motion to accept a variance with the stipulation that the inspection results proved that it's a fully operational system, seconded by Mr. DeSimone. **Vote: 5-0**

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5. Committee Reports

A. Joint Facilities

The Press is running really well and the percent solids are above fifteen. Lakeside septage repairs are almost complete (the wrong scrapper bar was delivered) and the system should be back running by next week. A pump seized up at MAPS. The pump was pulled to see if it can be repaired and a new Cornell pump was ordered as a backup. The position for Superintendent is being re-advertised due to lack of applicants.

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% and sewer collection is at 91.0%. Expenses are reporting at 93.5%. Transfer to Capital has not been made.

Total Revenue collected from water customers for Town Center and Royal Oaks is posted as 96.0% and 97.2% respectively. Operations is reported at 62.1% spent for Town Center and 101.4% spent at Royal Oaks. Transfer to Capital for Town Center has not been made. Royal Oaks will not have any Capital transfer due to new green sand filters. *Copies distributed and made part of these minutes.*

C. Public Water Systems

1. Village Center Water System Operations

Nothing to report

2. Royal Oaks Water System Operations

Nothing to report

3. Hampton Woods Water System

None

4. Municipal Water System Update

A water system report was presented to the Town Council at the 9//26/2023 meeting. The estimated cost of the system planning is \$125 million.

D. Sewer Development

1. Sewer Service Area Discussion

None

6. Old Business, Discussion/Action

A. Connection Charge discussion

None

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7. Capital Planning

A. Recommend Project Hold

The Capital budget running is on the low side due to the recent repairs on three (3) force mains. Its managements recommendation to hold off capital projects for a year or two to build back up reserves and have funds for emergency's.

8. New Business, Discussion/Action

A. Capital Transfer 2022/23 \$116,029

Mr. DeSimone made a motion to approved the transfer of \$116,029 from the Reserve for Capital & Non-recurring Fund (Fund 61-5980) to Capital Fund Balance (Fund 81), Seconded by Mr. Terry.

Vote 5-0

9. Executive Session

None

10. Adjournment

Mr. DeSimone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Filanda. **Vote: 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda B. Connors
Recording Secretary