

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM**

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 3, 2007**

**(Not yet approved by the Authority)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by John Koskovich at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Annex.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Richard Fiala, John Koskovich, Fred Myers

ABSENT: Richard Hoffman, Andrew Lord, Art Merrow, John Russell

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Ventres, Grant Weaver, Ed Blaschik, Frank Haage

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**4. FACILITIES OPERATION REPORT – Water Planet Company**

Mr. Weaver distributed the Water Planet Company's Report # 85 dated July 3, 2007. He explained that the contractor has been working on the new equipment at the plant. They will soon be able to access the computer system remotely. They are in the process of trouble-shooting the system.

Mr. Weaver stated the cost of the computer project was approximately \$44,000. In the agreement, he was to pay half of the cost of the project, and the WPCA would pay half. He reviewed the budget, and expected his year-end expenses to almost equal his portion of the project, at approximately \$22,000. He pointed out one error on the budget sheet, and stated he would correct this information. He offered to submit all of his records for auditing purposes.

Mr. Blaschik informed Mr. Weaver that there had been a sewer odor detected in the plaza. Mr. Weaver and Mr. Ventres would check into this.

Mr. Weaver informed the WPCA that he had been working on odor control at the plant via a biofilter, new compost, and woodchips.

Mr. Fiala asked the status of the addition on Landing Hill Road. Mr. Weaver responded that it was in process, and it was not online yet. Mr. Fiala asked how the billing would occur, once this comes online. Mr. Ventres stated it would be pro-rated from the time it goes online to October 1.

Mr. Weaver stated he had a new maintenance person for the plant. He stated that originally, Maus & Sons had cleaned the pumps, but there had been a long period of inconsistency in grinder pump repairs and cleanings. Mr. Weaver has been repairing the pumps in-house for the past 4 – 5 years. He has now found a new company, Water Resources Technology, that offers 24-hour service, and they are often able to repair the pumps on-site. At approximately \$500 - \$600 (depending upon what is wrong with the pump), it is actually less than calling Mr. Weaver.

Mr. Weaver stated that Water Resources Technology had pre-printed labels, and he would have them added to the pumps. He stated that one person had a problem with a pump, and called Maus & Sons. Maus came out, did not repair the pump, and charged \$250. Mr. Weaver stated he remitted the payment, along with a letter advising Maus that their services would no longer be needed.

A brief discussion ensued about the labels for the pumps. Mr. Blaschik suggested the labels be included with the next bills, so people could affix the labels to the pumps themselves. Mr. Blaschik suggested having the Water Planet Company's number on the label, and a message on the answering machine could direct users to the current service company. Mr. Weaver liked the idea, but stated that Water Resource Technology already had pre-printed labels. Mr. Ventres stated he would prefer to affix the labels to the pumps himself, but he suggested they could double the effort by also mailing the stickers with the bills.

Mr. Myers asked if there was a contract with Water Resources Technology. Mr. Weaver stated they could have a contract with the Town, or they could just use Water Resource Technology's services on an ad-hoc basis. Mr. Koskovich recommended writing a contract and establishing a base fee. Mr. Koskovich stated they would have to ensure the WPCA was not getting billed without service being rendered. Mr. Weaver suggested each time he received a bill, he would send a postcard to the homeowner asking them how their recent service had been. It was suggested that the WPCA chairman's name and number should be on the postcard.

## **5. MINUTES**

Tabled until the next meeting.

## **6. DISCUSSION**

Mr. Ventres informed the Authority that Mr. Lord, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Koskovich were up for re-appointment.

**Motion by Mr. Fiala, seconded by Mr. Myers, and passed unanimously to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen to request that Mr. Lord, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Koskovich be re-appointed to the WPCA.**

Mr. Ventres informed the WPCA that Ms. Christy Beauregard had applied for a position on the WPCA. They reviewed her application, and determined that her background was suitable.

**Motion by Mr. Fiala, seconded by Mr. Myers, and passed unanimously to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending the appointment of Ms. Christy Beauregard to the WPCA.**

Mr. Ventres stated that Mr. Frank Haage was here tonight on behalf of the Planning & Zoning Commission to discuss the draft Plan of Conservation and Development. Drafts of this Plan were distributed to the WPCA members previously.

The WPCA discussed the sewer avoidance areas, and Mr. Ventres noted that the Plan follows the State's language for sewer avoidance. Mr. Weaver cautioned the WPCA that the language in this plan would be fairly permanent, and they should be careful about the language.

Noting no other comments, Mr. Ventres stated he would send out the revisions at a later date. He stated they would begin holding group meetings, and eventually public hearings.

**A) Grinder pump service proposal – Water Resource Technologies**

Discussed under Item 4.

**B) Sewer main discussion**

Discussed under Item 4.

**C) Update on computer controls and instrumentation project**

Discussed under Item 4.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Fiala to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers, and carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina

