

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

**Special Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2008**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Lord at 7:05 p.m. in the River House.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Andrew Lord, Richard Fiala, Arthur Merrow

ABSENT: Michael Curley, Richard Hoffman, John Koskovich, Fred Myers  
John Russell

OTHERS PRESENT: James Ventres, Emmett Lyman

**3. DISCUSSION**

**A) Facilities Report – Water Planet Company**

Mr. Weaver of Water Planet Company was not present to give a report. Mr. Ventres distributed Mr. Weaver's report number 88, dated January 2, 2008. The Authority reviewed the report.

Mr. Lord questioned from where the grit might be coming, as noted in the report. Mr. Ventres indicated there were no storm drains hooked up to the sewer system. He stated he would check into this.

Mr. Lord reviewed the budget, variances, etc. He explained to Mr. Lyman the contract with the Water Planet Company, in which they have a cost-sharing budget for some items. Mr. Lyman inquired about the fiscal year, to which Mr. Ventres stated it was the same cycle as the Town's fiscal year.

Referring to the maintenance expenditures, Mr. Fiala inquired about Zelek Electric. Mr. Ventres explained that Zelek was located in Old Lyme. This generator was located on Dock and Lumberyard Roads. It is an older unit, and is in an unheated area. It was determined that it was more cost-effective to maintain the unit than to pay for heat to the area.

Mr. Fiala questioned the Water Resource Technologies repair of the grinder pump. Mr. Ventres explained that this was the new company Mr. Weaver uses to service the grinder pumps. Most of the time, this company can fix the pumps on-site.

### **B) Chatham Health District Wastewater Pumping and Permit to Discharge Ordinance**

No one from the Chatham Health District was present this evening. Mr. Ventres informed the Authority that Chatham held a public hearing last month. Although Chatham has not yet received a final report from the CT Department of Public Health, the draft from the Department of Public Health indicates that Chatham will prepare an ordinance that matches the State statutes. The ordinance would be similar to that used in Westbrook.

Mr. Ventres explained that if Chatham installs the computer software, it could work with the GIS system to look at septic systems that are working well, those that are not, and those that have not been pumped.

Mr. Lyman asked if Chatham has an ordinance. Mr. Ventres responded that Chatham proposed an ordinance at their public hearing.

### **C) Grinder pump service proposal – Water Resource Technologies**

Mr. Ventres stated he had not received any information on this from Mr. Weaver. He stated that Water Resource Technologies is the subcontractor Mr. Weaver is using to service the grinder pumps. Mr. Weaver was requested by the Authority to get a written proposal from them, in order to ensure that he meets all of his contract obligations with the Town. Mr. Ventres stated that Water Resource Technologies has responded to every service call, but the Authority wanted something in writing.

### **D) Update on computer controls and instrumentation project**

Mr. Ventres stated that components were still being installed on the new system, but it was almost complete. Mr. Lord suggested the Authority should see the system once it is complete. Mr. Ventres stated he would notify them once Mr. Weaver has the system fully installed.

Mr. Lord explained the new system to Mr. Lyman. He stated the new system provided updated technology, remote access for alarm response, etc. Mr. Merrow noted that the new system met all of the new DEP requirements. Mr. Ventres and Mr. Lord explained that this was a joint venture with Water Planet Company, and Mr. Weaver cut his contract price as an incentive.

## **4. MINUTES**

Tabled until the next meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Merrow to adjourn at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fiala, and carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina