

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2008**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Lord, Richard Fiala, Arthur Merrow

**ABSENT:** Michael Curley, John Koskovich, Fred Myers, John Russell

**OTHERS:** James Ventres

**3. DISCUSSION**

**a. Facilities Operation Report – Water Planet Company**

Mr. Grant Weaver was not present to give a report. Mr. Ventres was unaware of any major issues in the field.

**b. Chatham Health District Wastewater Pumping and Permit to Discharge Ordinance**

Mr. Lord asked the status of this ordinance? Mr. Ventres indicated that Chatham now agrees that they should write an ordinance that has “teeth”, they must be concise with what will happen, etc. Mr. Ventres spoke with Mr. King and learned that they have received fewer and fewer comments with each draft sent to the Department of Public Health; however, they are not yet ready. They want to distribute another draft before scheduling a public hearing.

Mr. Ventres informed the Authority that the Goodspeed Opera House Foundation made a preliminary presentation recently for proposed future use. They are planning approximately 25 bungalow-type units in the Village. Mr. Fiala asked where the units would be located. Mr. Ventres stated there would be four units in the big field on Creamery Road. He suggested the members walk this area. There would be two sizes of units. The smaller units would have three bedrooms, with common areas. The larger units would have six bedrooms with common areas. The goal was to house 120 actors, so

they can house the crew for current shows, as well as housing actors practicing for the next show.

Mr. Fiala asked if these units would be connected to the sewer, to which Mr. Ventres responded affirmatively. Mr. Ventres stated the garage and the next three buildings up would get converted. Mr. Fiala asked the eventual plans for the garage. Mr. Ventres noted there was only a 3-year lease on the garage. Mr. Ventres stated there would be 21 new buildings, plus the garage. These will be billable units. They have actors coming in from New York, and there are union standards for bathrooms, etc. Mr. Lord asked if the Goodspeed would pay for the grinder pumps, to which Mr. Ventres responded affirmatively. He added that the Goodspeed would have to give the Authority an occupancy rate.

Mr. Ventres stated they went through a preliminary meeting with the joint commissions. The Goodspeed will likely go through the Historic District Commission and the IWWC simultaneously, and then on to Planning & Zoning.

Mr. Fiala noted that tractors have gotten stuck in the area behind the garage. Mr. Ventres commented that the wetland line runs through that area.

Mr. Lord stated even though the units may not be filled to capacity all the time, he believed they would have to look at a single-family occupancy. Mr. Merrow suggested they might talk about rates for the whole set of units. Mr. Ventres stated there would be units along Creamery Road, in the semi-circle where the volleyball area is now, and on Hem Street.

Mr. Fiala asked when the application might be submitted. Mr. Ventres estimated in the Fall of 2008. Because some of the money would be funded by the Stated, the Goodspeed would have to go through an application and bidding process.

Mr. Lord asked if the Authority had an actual application, as it has been some time since there was a new structure added to the sewer system. Mr. Merrow recalled that the Authority voted during a meeting to accept the new unit on Landing Hill/Porges Roads.

Mr. Ventres stated the Authority would have to discuss grinder pumps. Mr. Fiala stated if they used grinder pumps for multiple units, if one pump jammed, it could interfere with multiple units. Mr. Lord stated the Authority would need easements. Mr. Merrow stated if the Authority owned the grinder pumps, the Authority ought to determine the needs. Mr. Fiala believed they should look at these as single-family houses.

Mr. Fiala asked about the garage. Mr. Ventres stated the future of the garage would depend on what the buyer would want. He noted that some developers wanted more potential square feet.

**4. MINUTES**

Tabled until the next meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Merrow to adjourn at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fiala, and carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina