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**MADISON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**September 26, 2018**

**MINUTES**

Time of Meeting: 6 pm

Location: Meeting Room B

**1. Attendance:** Tom Hansen; Tom Lonsdale; Mark Aron; Graham Curtis

**Others:** Trent Joseph, Health Director

Ryan Duques, Economic Development Commission

**2. Minutes:** Review of minutes from June 27, 2018. The meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Citizen's comments:** None

**4. Membership:** Tom Lonsdale was introduced as a new member of the WPCA. Tom is a science teacher and he lives south of the Post Road in the Neck Road area.

**5. Economic Development Commission:** The WPCA welcomed Ryan Duques, chairman of the Madison Economic Development Commission (EDC). Ryan has been a member of the Commission for 11 years and Chairman for 5 years. The Commission focus is on strategic planning to create initiatives that raise the profile of Madison for economic development and to encourage sustainability, vibrancy and growth of the grand list. Some recent initiatives being implemented or discussed include;

- Downtown beautification project – still in final stages
- Obtaining transportation grant for Tuxis walkway
- Bradley Road sidewalks
- Seaplane service to West Wharf
- A tax incentive policy for new businesses
- Inventory of developable commercial land to develop a marketing strategy
- Shared wastewater facilities

The EDC has a strategy to attract relocating companies and institutions. They work with David Anderson to identify opportunities for commercial development. They are working on a survey of developable land.

The WPCA wants the EDC to know that we support their mission and that we are committed to working cooperatively with them. We trust that they support our mission of environmental protection and long-term planning for wastewater management. We believe that long term environmental planning is to our mutual benefit

**6. Health Director's Report:**

- Trent Joseph reported on the Health department activities. Trent is working on updates to the pump out program and he is having post cards sent out to remind residents of the 5-year pump out program. He is also sending letters to the haulers reminding them to report their pump outs.

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- Where possible, Trent is requiring a 24" groundwater separation for new and repaired systems. He is also encouraging passive N removal systems wherever possible.
  - Other initiatives include putting more septic info on the Town's Facebook page, making sure that realtors know the requirements and recommend appropriate system inspections.
7. **Madison Water Pollution Control Plan:** The WPCA approved action to send out copies of the updated plan to other boards and commissions.
  8. **Community Sewerage Systems:** Discussion. Role of Madison WPCA and oversight of privately owned systems. Four systems fall into this category.
  8. **Wastewater Management Districts:** Discussion of the state's guidelines for establishing wastewater management districts and setting draft standards for such districts.
  9. **Old Business:**
    - Wastewater Facilities Planning update. Nothing new to report.
  10. **New Business**
    - Private wells on Arbor Lane. Trent is looking into this
    - Town of Madison Strategic Plan. No one has contacted the WPCA yet for input.
    - Ideas for future programs.
      - Tom Lonsdale would like to know more about set asides available to promote community systems in difficult areas.
      - Old Lyme Shores
      - Old Saybrook experience
  11. **Citizen Comments**
  12. **Adjourn: 7:36 PM**

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