

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of April 16, 2020 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, April 16, 2020, via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford, III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep.	Vincent Marino

Absent

North Branford	Vacant
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Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
David Borowy
Joseph Cermola
Kevin Curseaden
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Linda Discepolo
Rose Gavrilovic
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Ted Norris

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its March 19, 2020 meeting, with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Abstain	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Abstain

Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Announced RPB members whose terms are expiring on June 30, 2020. All members up for reappointment expressed interest in reappointment for another three year term.
- Stated that the RPB committee meetings to review the FY 2021 budgets will take place on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at a joint meeting of the Consumer Affairs and Land Use Committees and on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with the Finance Committee. He noted that members are welcome to attend either meeting.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum moved for adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), on March 23, 2020, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of a project for North Sleeping Giant Wellfield Chemical Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommends that it be accepted by the RPB as complete and recommends that a public hearing be scheduled and conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS, the RPB accepts said Application, as complete and schedules said Application for a public hearing in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Authority’s Application for approval of a project for North Sleeping Giant Wellfield Chemical Improvements and determines to hold a public hearing on the Application, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on May 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Mr. Jaser seconded the resolution. The Chair called for the vote, the RPB unanimously approved the resolution with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Chair Ricozzi asked for a volunteer to act as presiding member for the public hearing. Interested members should contact him after tonight’s meeting.

Before the next item for consideration and action regarding the RPB’s first quarter 2020 compensation, Chair Ricozzi stated that effective January 1, 2020, RPB members are eligible for a compensation increase in the amount of \$8.23, per meeting. He asked that under the current circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, he would like to propose an increase freeze effective 1/1/20, until such time that the economy opens back up.

After discussion, on motion made by Mr. Havrda, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the first quarter 2020 member compensation, to not include an increase of \$8.23, effective January 1, 2020, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 90 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Abstain
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to review the North Sleeping Giant Wellfield Improvements Application for completeness, received a review from management of the RWA’s quarterly financial statements, and reviewed the quarterly dashboard report.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month and received an Environmental Compliance Update from management.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet next week at a joint meeting with the Land Use Committee to review the FY 2021 Budgets.

Executive Committee – Chair Ricozzi reported on the committee meeting at the end of March to discuss the process and procedure for virtual meetings during the pandemic.

At 7:00 p.m., the RPB voted to recess the meeting to hold the public hearing for the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements. The Chair called for the vote:

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 7:48 p.m., the RPB reconvened.

Chair DiSalvo reported on the Authority meeting that took place earlier in the day. He noted that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. Sack reported on the Pension & Benefit Committee meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with RWA’s Actuary to review contributions to RWA’s Pension Plans. The Committee also met with Morgan Stanley to receive a Quarterly Performance Update.

Ms. Nesteriak, RWA’s Senior Vice President of Operations and Business Strategy reported on:

- Employee status update
- 60 Sargent Drive now set up as test thru site, opened April 15th
- 90 Sargent Drive continues to remain closed to the public
- Cleaning at 90 Sargent Drive has increased
- Update on status of work
- Most employees are working from home

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Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended March 31, 2020, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2020 is 114%, with no projected draw expected from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

He also reported that reservoir levels are at 99% as if April 14, 2020 compared to the long term average of 92%.

Chair Ricozzi recognized Attorney Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who had nothing to report.

Ms. Mowat Young motioned for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“Authority”), on February 24, 2020, filed an Application to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of a project to complete the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements (“Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the RPB reviewed the Application and recommended that it be accepted as complete, the RPB consider the application, and render a decision on the same evening as the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, at its March 19, 2020 meeting, the RPB concluded that the Application was complete, determined to hold a public hearing on April 16, 2020, and considered rendering a decision on the same evening of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the RPB held a public hearing in accordance with the Rules of Policy and Procedures, as amended, and as modified by Governor Ned Lamont’s Executive Order 7B, dated March 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public hearing, the RPB determined the application and proposed action is necessary and consistent with the policies and mission of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, is not likely to have adverse effects on the environment, and is in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB hereby approves the Authority’s Application for a project to complete the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements filed February 24, 2020, in accordance with Section 19 of Connecticut Special Act 77-98, as amended.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote:

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 8:04 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary