

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

Minutes of June 17, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 17, 2021, 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 A. Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
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 M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Anthony DiSalvo
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Ted Norris
Jeanine Reckdenwald
Prem Singh
John Triana

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Murtha Cullina LLP

Bruce McDermott

3 Public Members

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

He reviewed the safety moment distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Pepe, the RPB approved the minutes of its May 20, 2021 meeting, as distributed, 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)	Absent
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)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported:

- that the FY 2022 RPB Weighted Vote Computation has been distributed to members. There is one change to Milford, which has decreased by 1 for a total of 10 weighted votes.
- Stated that members should submit their committee choice to the board office prior to the start of the July committee meetings.

Items for Consideration and Actions

Mr. Clifford, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee, reported that the committee met twice. Due to time constraints RPB members are directed to the RWA website if they wish to review the minutes. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

Chairperson:	Mario Ricozzi
Vice Chairperson:	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Secretary:	Charles Havrda
Treasurer:	Jasper J. Jaser

Mr. Malloy seconded and the resolution. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the resolution, 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)	Absent
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)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7W, which extended Executive Order 7S Section 6 applicable to municipalities, to quasi-municipal corporations, extending the tax deferral and the interest rate reduction program to water charges among other types charges (e.g., sewer and electric), and which Executive Order has ended; and

WHEREAS, management recommended extending the time period concerning abatement of interest (a zero interest rate) through December 31, 2020 and presented such recommendation at the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) Finance Committee meeting on June 8, 2020 and at the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the RPB Finance Committee and RPB Consumer Affairs Committee agreed to recommend to the full RPB, management’s recommendation, and concurred that it was the right approach in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic impact; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the full RPB approved a zero interest rate through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020, the RPB Finance Committee recommended to the full RPB, management’s recommendation, and concurred that it was the right approach in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2020, the full RPB approved a zero interest rate extension through March 31, 2021 and not longer than May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have associated economic impacts and Executive Order 12 B extended the protection of public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic to July 20th; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2021, the RPB Finance Committee further recommended, to the full RPB, management’s recommendation, and concurred with its recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the full RPB approves the continuation of the abatement of interest on arrears, authorizing a zero interest rate through July 20, 2021 or later, at management’s discretion, if there is a further extension via Executive Order.

Ms. Mowat Young seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion 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)	Absent
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)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 6:41 p.m., Ms. Verderame entered the meeting.

Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), on May 20, 2021, filed an Application to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for the approval of a Non-Substantial Amendment to the Land Use Plan to create trails on Authority property at Lake Chamberlain in Bethany (“Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee of the RPB reviewed the Application and recommends that it be accepted as complete and considered non-substantial without a public hearing required; and

WHEREAS, the RPB concludes that the Amendment is non-substantial and the proposed action is consistent with and advances the policies and goals of the RWA, has no expected impact on the public water supply, no conflict with the existing Land Use Plan designation of “Forest” and “Recreation,” and no financial impact on the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB hereby accepts the Application as complete and approves, without a public hearing, the RWA’s Application for a Non-Substantial Amendment to the Land Use Plan to create eight new trails on Authority property at Lake Chamberlain in Bethany, filed May 20, 2021, in accordance with Section 18 of Connecticut Special Act 77-98, as amended.

Mr. Eitzer seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 88 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)	Absent
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)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Eitzer, RPB Bethany Representative, commented that the plan looks reasonable and allows easier access for fishing.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum reported on the committee meeting earlier in the week. The committee received a presentation from the Alliance for Water Efficiency, received an update from management on RPB approved projects, and discussed the status of the RPB increase freeze from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The committee met at Lake Hammonasset in Killingworth and received an overview of the Lake Hammonasset reservoir, discussed the Lake Chamberlain non-substantial application, and received Land Use updates.

At 6:55 p.m., Mr. Jaser entered the meeting.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is scheduled to meet next week. The Committee will receive a presentation from the Alliance for Water Efficiency. All RPB members are invited to attend.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Clifford, Chair of the Nominating Committee, had nothing further to report.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, congratulated the new slate of RPB officers. He reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority met as the Commercial Business Committee and approved management’s request to move forward with an asset purchase that will increase services offered by the RWA. He stated that due to time constraints, Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Committee, will forward a report of the committee meeting to the full RPB.

He also reported that at the Authority meeting during the day, the Committee also met as the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Borowy stated that the committee reviewed the RWA’s revised 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Borowy also noted that as of May 31, 2021 the end of year disposition is approximately \$17 million.

Mr. Bingaman, President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that as of Monday, June 14, 2021, reservoir levels are at 96%, compared to the long-term average of 90%.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses as of May 2021 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2021 is 126%

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without a shortfall, with operating and maintenance expenses at a reduced level and higher than expected revenues.

Chair Ricozzi and board members thanked Beth Nesteriak for her service and assistance during her time at the RWA.

Attorney Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, had nothing to report.

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary