

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

Minutes of July 15, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, July 15, 2021, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
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 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

Absent

Derby	Frank Pepe
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
David Borowy
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Edward O. Norris III
Jeanine Reckdenwald
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Dana Bochan
Laura Gonzalez

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

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

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB approved the minutes of its June 17, 2021 meeting as distributed, with 98 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)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Reported on the process for the appointment of Authority member. He advised that any RPB member who wishes to be considered for the Authority member position should notify him by August 1, 2021. Chair Ricozzi is also currently looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Anyone interested should contact the board office.
- Stated that statutory committee assignments for 2021-2022 are established and a list has been distributed. Anyone interested in making a change may do so at this time. Chair Ricozzi thanked members for volunteering.
- Provided an update on RPB term expirations and reappointments.
- Stated that the Executive Committee will hold a meeting in August.

Item for Consideration and Action

Mr. Mongillo moved for adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for the disposition of 0.92 acres of improved Class I and II land in Hamden, Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 13, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 98 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)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

On motion made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2021 second quarter RPB member compensation and release of the retroactive increase freeze from 2020, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 98 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)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, thanked members of the Land Use Committee for nominating him to serve as chair for another year. He reported that the Committee met earlier in the week at the Eli Whitney Museum to receive an update on the education program.

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Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place last month. The committee received a presentation from the Alliance for Water Efficiency and received a report from the OCA. The Committee is scheduled to meet next week.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, thanked board members for their support of the disposition of 95 Ives Street in Hamden.

He reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee and as the Compensation Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that the Committee met with Morgan Stanley, the RWA’s Investment Advisor, to receive an update of the RWA’s Quarterly Investment performance for the period ended June 30, 2021.

Mr. DiSalvo, Chair of the Compensation Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met to review Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) assessments completed by Authority members. Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and CEO, reported on the progress of the FY 2021 goals and global metrics. The Committee also reviewed the CEO’s performance and discussed CEO and officer salary competitiveness.

Mr. Bingaman reviewed revenues and operating and maintenance expenses through June 30, 2021. He reported a projected shortfall of \$750,000 to reach maintenance test coverage of 114%. He reported that there is still financial uncertainty due to the impact of the pandemic.

He also reported that as of July 12, 2021 reservoir levels are at 100%, compared to the long-term average of 84%, with a total rainfall of 9.21 inches from June 1, 2021 to July 11, 2021, compared to a historical average of 5.05 inches.

Discussion took place regarding commercial business updates and reporting, capital projects and a proposed infrastructure bill being considered by Congress.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also acted on recommended changes to the RWA’s Rules and Regulations and approved the submittal of the Authority’s rate application to the RPB.

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

Mr. Singh, the RWA’s Chief Information Digital Officer and Vice President of Customer Care, Ms. Bochan, the RWA’s Business Transformation Director, and Ms. Gonzalez, the RWA’s Director of Service, provided a Customer Care Realignment Transformation Update, which included:

- Customer care vision
- RWA current customer care landscape
- Customer Journey & Roadmap/Solutions
- Key Activities & Milestones

At 7:34 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Jaser, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously adopted with 95 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	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

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Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board for the disposition of 0.92 acres of improved Class I and II land in Hamden, Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 13.