

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

Minutes of July 16, 2020 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, July 16, 2020, 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
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 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

Anthony DiSalvo
David Borowy
Joseph Cermola
Kevin Curseaden
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Linda M. Discepolo
Rochelle Kowalski
Edward O. Norris III
Jeanine Reckdenwald
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Paul McCary

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 review the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Jaser, seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB approved the minutes of its June 18, 2020 meeting as distributed, with 102 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 (11)	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

Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Reported on the process for the appointment of Authority member, New Haven Representative. He is currently looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee.
- Stated that statutory committee assignments for 2020-2021 are established and a list has been distributed. Anyone interested in making a change may do so at this time.
- Provided an update on RPB term expirations and reappointments. Mr. Jaser will follow up with the First Selectman in Orange and Mr. Betkoski confirmed his appointment at the Beacon Falls Board of Selectmen’s meeting, which took place on June 13, 2020.
- Noted that the RPB Dashboard Quarterly Update has been distributed to members. Questions or comments should be submitted to the Finance Committee Chair.

Item for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the week. He stated that the committee discussed the RWA’s current financial position and the need to extend the RPB compensation increase freeze. After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to recommend to the RPB that the freeze continue to remain in effect for another quarter, at which time the committee will revisit the discussion for recommendation.

On motion made by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2020 second quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, and the extension of the compensation increase freeze until October 31, 2020, with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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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 (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Nay
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. Besides the discussion of the compensation increase freeze, the Committee elected Mr. Slocum as Committee Chairman for 2020-2021 and received an update from management of RWA’s Quarterly Financial Report and Year-end disposition and a review of the Quarterly Dashboard update.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, former Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met last week to discuss harvesting at Furnace Pond in Branford to remove aquatic invasive species. He also reported that the committee appointed Mr. Betkoski as Chair for 2020-2021.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, had nothing to report. The Committee is scheduled to meet next week.

Authority/Management – Mr. DiSalvo reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He noted that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee and as the Compensation Committee.

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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, 2020.

Mr. Cermola, Chair of the Compensation Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. He stated that Mr. Bingaman reported on the progress of the FY 2020 goals and global metrics and the committee reviewed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) performance. The committee also discussed CEO and officer salary competitiveness. He reported that, at the request of the Leadership Team, there would be no compensation increases at this time.

In Ms. Nesteriak's absence, Ms. Reckdenwald, RWA's Senior Vice President of Corporate Services, provided an update of COVID-19 at the RWA, which included:

- Employee status
- Return to work kits for employees
- Self-certification application launch
- Upgrades to 90 Sargent Drive
- Staffing on premises
- Treatment plant staffing
- Next phase

Discussion took place regarding temperature taking and water treatment plant rotations.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues and operating and maintenance expenses through June 30, 2020. He reported a shortfall of \$11.4 million to reach maintenance test coverage of 114%. He also noted the uncertainty regarding the impacts of the pandemic.

He also reported that as of July 13, 2020 reservoir levels are at 88%, compared to the long-term average of 85%.

Discussion took place regarding draft level, water conservation, flushing, code red, and Lake Whitney.

Chair Ricozzi, acknowledged Attorney Donofrio, OCA, who highlighted Ms. Discepolo's retirement. He stated that Ms. Discepolo has been a critical member of the leadership team and he thanked her for her years of responsiveness and professionalism. Members of the RPB thanked Ms. Discepolo for her many years of service at the RWA and wished her luck in her retirement.

Chair Ricozzi, acknowledged Attorney McCary, of Murtha Cullina, who had nothing to report.

At 7:15 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mr. Pepe, and unanimously adopted with 102 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary