

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

Minutes of October 26, 2023 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Bethany	Brian Eitzer
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

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Charles DelVecchio

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio, Esq.

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Jamie Mowat Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its September 28, 2023 meeting as distributed, with 66 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Absent	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Communications

Chair Harvey stated that the presentation of the Ten Year Model would take place at the Finance Committee on November 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm and the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on November 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend either or both meetings.

Chair Harvey reported that the Quarterly Dashboard Report was distributed to members.

At 6:35 p.m., Ms. Campbell and Mr. Mongillo entered the meeting.

Mr. Havrda reported on the Nominating Committee meeting earlier in the month. He stated that the Committee met and voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Ricozzi for reappointment to the Five Member Authority. He stated that the Committee met earlier in the year with Mr. Borowy, Authority Chair, and Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, to review criteria and discuss the Authority member position. The criteria was forwarded to the RPB for review and comment. In early October, the Committee met with the incumbent to discuss the position and qualifications. Mr. Havrda moved for adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Mario Ricozzi be, and hereby is, reappointed as a member of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective January 1, 2024, with his term to extend until January 1, 2029 and until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 89 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	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

Mr. Havrda 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 17.22 acres located west of Beech Street in North Branford that is part of Land Unit NB 4, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, be and hereby is approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Ms. Young seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 89 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	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

Mr. Havrda 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 19.462 acres located north of Pumps Lane in North Branford that is part of Land Unit NB 4, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, be and hereby is approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Eitzer seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 89 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	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. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Rescigno, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its third quarter 2023 member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 89 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	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 reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with the CliftonLarsonAllen, RWA's auditor, to receive the FY 2023 audit results. The Committee also met with management to receive the first quarter of FY 2024 financial results and dashboard.

Land Use Committee – Ms. Young reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. She stated that the Committee met at Lake Saltonstall in Branford for its annual pizza party. Management provided a drone demonstration and discussed the use of drones for work.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting that took place earlier in the month. The Committee received an Accounts Receivable update, which was held in executive session. The OCA provided an update on a customer escalation and

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discussed recently submitted testimony to the Department of Public Health in support of RWA's efforts with the Lead and Copper Rule and associated funding.

Mr. Mongillo complimented management on the Account Receivable update.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Havrda had nothing further to report.

Executive Committee – Mr. Harvey, Chair of the Executive Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met to discuss meeting logistics and encouraged RPB members to attend meetings in person. The Committee also reviewed the RWA's Application Schedule for 2024-2025, adopted its 2024 regular meeting schedule, and discussed a subcommittee, made up of Authority members, RPB members and management, to review the RWA's enabling legislation. After discussion, several RPB members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, thanked RPB members for Mr. Ricozzi's reappointment. He reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day with representatives from Morgan Stanley to review the RWA's quarterly investment performance for the pension plans and Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) plan, the Investment Policy Statement for these plans, and the market environment. The Committee also discussed strategy related to a Request for Information for the investment advisor.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met with management to review the Ten-Year Model and various scenarios, which will be presented to the RPB Finance Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee at November meetings. He commented that expectations were positive and the RWA is looking for input. The Authority also received an update on the Lake Whitney Dam design and the associated process.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended September 30, 2023, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 114%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund. He reported that during the summer months and into September production levels were significantly lower than last year and he expects water revenue to be below budget due to the wet summer. However, due to higher interest rates, RWA's investment earnings are higher, PILOT is favorable to budget, and the timing of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund financing is favorable. Due to lower water revenues, RWA is taking steps to defer certain expenses.

He reported that storage levels are at 87%, compared to the long-term average of 67%.

RPB members ask about and discussed commercial business, PFAS, and water consumption. Chair Harvey reminded everyone that November and December RPB meeting will be held the third Thursday of each month due to timing of the holidays. The meetings are scheduled for November 16, 2023 and December 21, 2023.

At 7:24 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mr. Slocum, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 89 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye

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Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	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,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision for the disposition of Beech Street in North Branford, Connecticut.
2. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision for the disposition of Poms Lane in North Branford, Connecticut.