

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

Minutes of November 16, 2023 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

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

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden (remote)
Catherine LaMarr (remote)
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack (remote)

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo (remote)
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Absent

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio, Esq.

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Mr. Oslander, the RPB approved the minutes of its October 26, 2023 meeting as distributed, with 62 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)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey noted that Ethics and Gift/Profit Disclosure Reports for the period ended November 30, 2023 were distributed to members and should be completed and submitted to the board office.

He also stated that the final presentation of the Ten Year Model would take place at the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

On motion made by Mr. Eitzer, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to approve the proposed 2024 calendar year meeting dates, as presented, with 62 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)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. The Committee met in executive session to review the Ten Year Model with management. The Committee also set its 2024 meeting calendar and discussed meeting logistics. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., via teams. Beginning in 2024 the Committee meetings will be hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month and received an update on the Lake Whitney Dam design project with management. The Committee also reviewed land updates and adopted its 2024 regular meeting schedule. The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the board meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Ricoszi, Chair of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Committee met in executive session to discuss PFAS.

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Ms. Sack, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. She stated that the Committee met in executive session to receive a comprehensive financial health update on RWA's utility and commercial business.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that the Regional Water Authority Police Department had successfully fulfilled Tier 1 requirements of the State-mandated Accreditation Process. Tier 1 encompasses 131 meticulously drafted policies and procedures. He noted that compliance was completed earlier than the required December 31, 2023, date to finalize Tier 1 compliance. He also highlighted that the Derby Tank Project is completed, with the exception of some minor punch list items.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended October 31, 2023, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 114%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund. However, there is still concern about the state of the economy and customers' ability to pay. Due to a cool wet summer, the RWA has also taken steps to reduce operating and maintenance costs by reducing discretionary expenses.

He reported that storage levels as of November 13, 2023 are at 85%, compared to the long-term average of 66%.

Committee members discussed the use of solar panels on RWA owned properties, credit agency ratings, police staffing, and trespassing on RWA's recreational properties.

Chair Harvey recognized Atty. Donofrio who wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Chair Harvey the next meeting of the RPB is on Thursday, December 21, 2023.

At 6:56 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 62 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)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary