

**Representative Policy Board
Land Use Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven
Minutes of January 9, 2019 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Land Use Committee of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RWA”) took place on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut. In Mr. Levine’s absence, Acting Chair Harvey presided.

Present: Committee Members: P. Betkoski, B. Eitzer, R. Harvey, J. Krasko, G. Malloy, and J. Oslander
 Authority: D. Borowy
 RWA Management: T. Norris and J. Triana
 Absent: Committee Member: M. Levine

Mr. Harvey, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. Chair Levine reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.
2. The Committee approved the minutes of its December 12, 2018 meeting, as presented.
3. Mr. Triana, RWA’s Real Estate Manager provided an overview of current events for RWA’s recreation program. He also provided a summary of events from 2014 of which 8 were co-sponsored, 5 were led by experts, and 6 events were held in novel places.
4. Update on *The Land We Need for the Water We Use Program* – J. Triana reported:

Reservoir Levels (Percent Full)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average	Drought Status
Dec 31, 2018	95	75	72	None

Rainfall (inches)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average
Dec 31, 2018	6.45	1.85	4.08
Fiscal YTD (6/1/18 – 12/31/18)	38.42	22.96	27.08

- - Calendar year 2018 ended as the 4th wettest year in the 107-year record we have for Lake Whitney (62.12”).

Land We Need for the Water We Use Program (Dispositions/Acquisitions)

- North Branford - Corresponded with property owner of 22+/- acres.
- Hamden - Corresponded with property owner of 14+/- acres.
- Hamden - Corresponded with property owner of 7+/- acres.

Rental houses:

- Bethany, 184 Downs Rd (BE 22) – Notice of the RPB approval was published in newspapers. Mailed out notices to agencies and groups.
- Madison, 760 Summer Hill Rd. – Met with owner to go over progress. Issued letter approving work.
- Orange, 499 Derby Ave. - Met with owner to go over progress. Issued letter approving work.
- Woodbridge, 1029 Johnson Rd. – Corresponded with owner about property taxes.

- Prospect Barn, Tress Rd. (PR 6) – Corresponded with vendor about progress.

Forestry Update

- Bethany - West of Old Mill Road (BE 3) – 70% complete
- Guilford – West of Sugar Loaf ash salvage (GU 4) – 20% complete
- Madison – Hammonasset Peninsula (MA 9) – 75% complete
- Madison – West side of Hammonasset (MA 9) – Not started yet
- North Branford - Beech Street Softwood (NB 4) – 20% complete
- Madison - Foster Hole/Cedar Swamp South (MA 2) - Not started yet
- Madison - Waterman’s Cabin Oak Salvage, MA 2) – Not started yet
- **Hamden - Downs Road Tornado Salvage, HA 28/29 – 45% complete**
- **Killingworth - North Chestnut Hill Oak Salvage, KI 4 – 40% complete**
- Killingworth - East Hammonasset Leaf Screen Thinning, KI 4 - Contract out to bid
- **Hamden - Overstory removal and Tornado Salvage, HA 36 – Contract awarded.**
- Cheshire - North Cheshire Well Field Larch/Pine Thinning, CH 1 – Contract out to bid
 - Began delineating additional salvage areas in Bethany/Hamden to add to timber sale 2018-04.
 - Ordered transplant trees for next year’s planting season.

Recreation Update

Active permits (month’s end) – 3841

- Discussed placing ad in DEEP fishing guide.
- Held Christmas tree cutting event at Gaillard. Harvested 78 trees.

Special Activity Permits

- Branford Land Trust (Tom Cleveland) - Tracking class - Lake Saltonstall woods - 1/26/2019 (Rain Date: 1/27/2019) & 2/23/2019 (Rain Date: 2/24/2019).

Other items

- Encroachments/agreements
 - Vassel driveway, Durham (DU 2) – Received letter from town engineer with his comments on the project.
 - High Rock Tank, Hamden (HA 22) – Received signed agreement from town. Waiting for check and COI to execute on our end. Issued invoice for them to create check.
 - Woodbridge Tank, Woodbridge (WO 16) – Town started work at tank site.
 - Agricultural fields – Responded to email from potential farmer to use fields.
 - Brooks Rd. drainage, Bethany (BE 20 & BE 21) – Executed license agreement for town to make storm drainage improvements.
- Deer hunt – Distributed post-hunt surveys.
- Invasive plants – Joshua Tracy had poster/talk accepted for ATCAVE conference in February. Cleared edges of Prospect field. Contacted special permittees who work on invasive plants on our property.
- Bethany, Brooks Rd. manure (BE 25) – Spoke to Steve Vitko about manure being spread along the edge of road.
- Edgerton Park wall, Hamden – Corresponded with witness who saw thieves stealing caps from the stone wall next to the LWWTP.

5. There were no other land items to report.
6. Mr. Triana reported that Mr. Tracey, RWA's Invasive Species Management Technician, is scheduled to meet with the committee next month to provide an update.
7. The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
8. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Acting Chairman