

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

Minutes of July 18, 2019 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Woodbridge	Mark Levine

Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
David Borowy
Joseph Cermola

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Linda M. Discepolo
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Edward O. Norris III

Counsel

Paul McCary
Bruce McDermott

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Vacant
North Haven	Anthony P. Rescigno
Seymour	Vacant
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

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, *Personal Protection When Outdoors*, distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Eitzer, seconded by Mr. Havrda, the RPB approved the minutes of its June 20, 2019 meeting as distributed, with 61 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

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

Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Reported on the process for the appointment of Authority member. He stated that RPB members interested in the position of Authority member, for the term beginning January 1, 2020, should notify the Chair or the board office no later than August 1st. He is currently looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee.
- Stated that statutory committee assignments for the 2019-2020 administrative year are established.
- Provided an update on RPB term expirations and reappointments. He introduced Mr. Smith, the RPB’s new Milford Representative.
- Noted that the RPB Dashboard Quarterly Update has been distributed to members. He discussed the new procedure for quarterly reporting. Questions for the initial update will be addressed but going forward additional comments or questions should be submitted to the Finance Committee Chair.

Item for Consideration and Action

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Pepe, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2019 second quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 61 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Reports

Finance Committee – In Mr. Slocum’s absence, Mr. Havrda reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met and elected Mr. Slocum as Committee Chairman for 2019-2020. The Committee also received an update from management of RWA’s Quarterly Financial Report and Year end distribution and a review of the Quarterly Dashboard update, including an update on RWA’s credit ratings.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine reported that the Committee met last week at Furnace Pond in Branford to tour work being done at the property to remove aquatic invasive species. He also reported that reservoir levels were at 99% compared to the long term average of 93%.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine reported that 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.

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 his FY 2019 goals and global metrics. The

Committee also reviewed the RWA’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and officer’s performance and recommendations for CEO and officer’s compensation.

In Ms. Sack’s absence, Mr. DiSalvo reported that at the Pension & Benefit Committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee received an Investment Performance update of RWA’s Plans from Morgan Stanley, RWA’s investment advisor for the plans. The committee continued a fee discussion and reviewed an amended fee schedule. The committee discussed the proposed Investment Policy Statement (“IPS”) and after discussion adopted the IPS, with modifications.

He also reported that Mr. Curseaden led a review of changes to the Authority’s Description of Organization and Bylaws, which the Authority voted to adopt.

Ms. Nesteriak, RWA’s Senior Vice President of Operations & Business Strategy, provided an AMI Update, which included:

- Installation progress and number of installations to date
- A status review of completed installations to date
- Six month look ahead
- Updates
- Capital Spending Analysis to date

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues and operating and maintenance expenses through June 30, 2019. He reported that the projected maintenance test for FY 2020 is 114%.

He reported that Ms. Nesteriak attended The Watershed Fund (“Fund”) Golf Tournament earlier in the week and presented a donation to the scholarship program, on behalf of the RWA, in the amount of \$7,700 in memory of Claire Bennitt, a Fund Director who was the driving force in the development of the RWA in 1977.

Mr. Bingaman commented on the recent destruction of the historical Door Tree in Hamden. He stated that vandals entered the RWA owned property illegally and intentionally cut down the tree. The RWA Police are currently investigating and the RWA’s Public Affairs and Communications Manager is meeting with the media to notify the public of a monetary reward for information.

Mr. Bingaman stated that t-shirts to commemorate the RWA’s 170th anniversary are being distributed to board members. He reported on the employee celebration, which took place at the East Rock Brewing Company, earlier in the month.

Discussion took place regarding effect of weather on draw, latest production, and location of Door Tree.

Chair Ricozzi thanked management for the advance notice of dirty water.

Attorney Donofrio, OCA, had nothing to report.

Chair Ricozzi reported that Mr. Krasko, North Branford’s Representative on the RPB, has resigned and his resignation was ratified at a meeting of the Town Council last month.

At 7:03 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Harvey, and unanimously adopted with 61 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary