

**Representative Policy Board  
Land Use Committee  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
Clark's Pond  
275 New Road, Hamden  
Minutes of August 14, 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, August 14, 2019 at Clark's Pond, 275 New Road, Hamden, Connecticut. In Chair Levine's absence, Mr. Harvey presided.

Present: Committee Members: P. Betkoski, B. Eitzer, R. Harvey, G. Malloy and J. Oslander  
RWB: M. Horbal and S. Mongillo  
Authority: A. DiSalvo  
RWA Management: T. Norris and J. Triana

Mr. Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.
2. On motion made by Mr. Oslander, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes of its July 10, 2019 meeting, as presented.
3. Update on *The Land We Need for the Water We Use Program* – Mr. Triana reported:

Reservoir Levels (Percent Full)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average	Drought Status
July 31, 2019	94	88	81	None

Rainfall (inches)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average
July 2019	4.14	4.22	3.69
Fiscal YTD (6/1/19 – 7/31/19)	8.70	8.51	7.45

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

- Cheshire - Corresponded with property owner of 40+/- acres.
- Bethany - Corresponded with property owner of 3+/- acres.

Rental houses:

- Seymour, 59 Rimmon Rd. (SE 11) – ServPro cleaned house. Had power restored to the building. Took down dead ash tree near house. Held first pre-bid meeting.
- Hamden, 95 Ives St. (HA 13) and 233 Skiff St. (HA 9A) – Discussed zone change proposal with Juliano and Murtha staff. Provided information to staff of Evans Associates to work on preliminary assessment.
- Woodbridge, 1029 Johnson Rd. – Contacted owner to get progress report.

Forestry Update

- **Bethany - West of Old Mill Road (BE 3) – Complete**
- **Guilford – West of Sugar Loaf ash salvage (GU 4) – 25% complete**
- Madison – Hammonasset Peninsula (MA 9) – 75% complete
- Madison – West side of Hammonasset (MA 9) – 85% complete
- North Branford - Beech Street Softwood (NB 4) – 50% complete

- **Madison - Waterman's Cabin Oak Salvage, (MA 2) – Complete**
- Hamden - Downs Road Tornado Salvage, (HA 28/29) – 85% complete. Area expanded to include other nearby locations with tornado damage.
- Killingworth - East Hammonasset Leaf Screen Thinning, (KI 4) - Contract not yet awarded.
- Hamden - Overstory removal and Tornado Salvage, (HA 36) – Not started yet
- Cheshire - North Cheshire Well Field Larch/Pine Thinning, (CH 1) – Will start in the winter.
- Bethany – East of Lake Bethany softwood (BE 18) – Awarded. Will start in November.
- Bethany – East of Lake Bethany hardwood (BE 18) – Awarded. Will start in November.
  
- Gave out 3 new firewood permits.
- Completed 2 final timber sales inspections (2015-05 and 2018-03).
- Had a large legacy culvert (48”) replaced northwest of the cedar swamp in Madison.
- Corresponded with UConn staff about a study using drones to assess forests.

### Recreation

- Recreation permit holders – 3,918
- Provided map to Ted to forward to Madison staff about mountain bike trails.
- Provided memo to Ted regarding the changes to the recreation fee structure and wage increases.
- Installed plaques to memorial picnic table at Lake Saltonstall.
- Butterfly walk at Lake Gaillard was attended by 13 people.
- Contacted LL Bean to see if they would be interested in holding any of their outdoor classes on our property.
- Corresponded with CFPA staff about the possibility of a trail to connect through Sugar Loaf.
- Held 2 of 3 kids events at Maltby. One was rained out.
- The Water Wagon attended 5 events.

### Special Activity Permits

- West Haven Parks & Recreation (Diane Dietman) - Annual fishing derby – Maltby Lakes (7/26/2019 and 8/2/2019)
- North Branford Land Conservation Trust (Michael Ferrucci), to review lands which are not within the watershed boundary, but which are owned by SCCRWA for possible trail, North Street, south of the dike, adjacent to the Harrison Farm Preserve near the banks of Lake Gaillard, North Branford, (07/10/19-10/31/19).
- C. Thomas Paul – (Permit renewal) Conduct research on American Indian and pre-Columbian culture as related to the Hammonasset Line - Killingworth, Madison and Guilford (8/1/2019 - 8/1/2020)

### Other items

- Encroachments/agreements –
  - Gaudio, Beech St., North Branford (NB 4A) – Talked to Gaudio and he said everything would be moved in a couple of weeks
  - Bethany, Tennessee Gas ROW (BE 23) – Tennessee Gas completed work on the pipeline.
  - Woodbridge, Morris Rd. access for UI (WO 5) – Determined that UI had an easement to go up the driveway at 2040 Litchfield Tpk.
  - North Branford, Beech St (NB 4A) – Lawyer representing buyer of Marzano property asked if their client could keep the license agreement. We said we would be willing to sign a new agreement with them.
  - Orange, Rt. 34 bridge over Wepawaug River (OR 2) – Corresponded with DOT's contractor about a license agreement for them to use a portion of our property for repairing the bridge.

- Durham, Vasel driveway – Case for appeal was moved to the Hartford Land Use Docket. Received letter from DPH. Stay for the wetlands permit was e-filed.
- Deer hunt – Held proficiency tests.
- North Branford, West Pond/NB Tank easement – Discussed driveway easement with abutter.
- Farm River Initiative – Group received grant to help assess the watershed.
- Hamden, “Door Tree” – Alerted by Hamden residents that a historic tree on our property off of New Rd. was cut down along with two other trees. Police looking into the matter. Met with Hamden Historical Society staff.
- Derby Tank properties – Discussed draft lease for the tank site with Murtha and CP&D staff.
- Invasive plants – Worked to improve the green milkweed site with Native Plant Trust staff. Developed plans for bamboo at Marion Dr., North Haven. Took down ailanthus at Mill Rock basins. Vendor slated to remove water chestnut backed out of the job. Designed and implemented herbicide plots in Japanese Stilt Grass in Prospect. New surveyed water chestnut and updated GIS data for 2019. Documented and treated Amur Corktrees at Chamberlain. Met with vendor to have ailanthus at the intersection of Thornton St. and Connolly Pkwy. Cleared away more Japanese knotweed along Davis St. in Hamden. Had Operations mow swallowwort around Lake Rd. at Gaillard. Treated Devils walking stick at the Beech St. timber harvest as experiment.

Invasive Species Documented/ Mapped (ac)	10 acres
Invasive Species Treated (ac)	4 acres + 20 hours of mowing around Gaillard

4. There were no other land items to report.
5. The committee’s meeting in October will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Lake Saltonstall in Branford. The annual pizza dinner will take place.
6. Mr. Triana, RWA’ s Real Estate Manager, provided an update of public recreation on RWA properties. He discussed specific areas for recreation permit holders and allowable areas, open hiking trails and waterways for non-permit holders.
7. The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
8. On motion made by Mr. Oslander, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Acting Chairman