

**Representative Policy Board
Land Use Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
115 Sperry Road, Woodbridge
Minutes of September 11, 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, September 11, 2019 at 115 Sperry Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut. Chair Levine presided.

Present: Committee Members: P. Betkoski, B. Eitzer, R. Harvey, M. Horbal, M. Levine, G. Malloy, J. Mowat Young and J. Oslander

Authority: D. Borowy

RWA Management: T. Norris and J. Triana

Owner -115 Sperry Road: Mr. Urbano

Mr. Levine called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. The Committee held a moment of silence for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.
2. On motion made, and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its August 14, 2019 meeting.
3. Assignments were made for the Regional Water Authority meetings.
4. Mr. Urbano, owner of former RWA rental house located at 115 Sperry Road in Woodbridge, provided committee members with a tour of the premises to view and discuss the restoration progress to repair hazardous conditions and renovate the house.
5. 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
August 31, 2019	87	84	74	None

Rainfall (inches)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average
Aug 2019	4.03	4.64	3.99
Fiscal YTD (6/1/19 – 8/31/19)	12.73	13.15	11.43

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

- Cheshire - Corresponded with property owner of 40+/- acres.
- Durham - Corresponded with property owner of 16+/- acres.

Rental houses:

- Seymour, 59 Rimmon Rd. (SE 11) – Held 2nd pre-bid meeting. Did not receive any bids. Issued 2nd bid without the historical conservation easement.
- Woodbridge, 1029 Johnson Rd. – Owner started work on the grounds of the property.

Forestry Update

- **Guilford – West of Sugar Loaf ash salvage (GU 4) – 35% 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
- 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 – 3,880
- Updated memos to Ted regarding the changes to the recreation fee structure and wage increases.
- Botanical walk at Prospect Reservoir was attended by 12 people.
- Walked proposed trail at Lake Gaillard with NBLCT staff from the Harrison Preserve.
- Opened two locations for anglers along the shore of Lake Chamberlain.
- CFPA indicated that the AG’s office signed off on the grant to relocation the Quinnipiac Trail in Prospect.
- Held final summer event with kids from Hamden.
- New guide rail at Maltby driveway was installed.
- Recreation staff manned Maltby Lakes during the free fishing license day. Two people attending used the equipment that we supplied.
- Water Wagon attended six events.

Special Activity Permits

- Woodbridge Fire Department- (Chief Sean Rowland) - Conduct ice rescue/water rescue training - Lakes Dawson and Chamberlain – (8/1/2019-8/1/2020)
- Resources in Search and Rescue, Inc.- (Ms. Celeste Robitaille and designees)- Training of Search and Rescue K9 teams to locate lost or missing individuals, Two Cornwall Avenue, Prospect, (08/07/19-12/31/19)
- The Hamden Historical Society-(Mr. David Johnson and designees)-to allow lumber professionals to access ways of removing, and to subsequently remove portions of the white oak once known as “The Door Tree,” for the purpose of creating a display for the society, wooded area on the east side of New Road, Hamden and south of Sherman Avenue intersection, (08/09/19-12/31/19).
- CT DEEP – Wildlife Division (Laura Saucier) – Study on damselflies, Maltby Lakes, (8/15/2019 – 9/4/2019)

Other items

- Encroachments/agreements –
 - North Branford, Beech St (NB 4A) – Lawyer representing buyer of Marzano property said their clients were not interested in signing a license agreement. Filed termination letter with Marzano on land records. Asked Alex to remark that line since the house is very close to it.
 - Orange, Rt. 34 bridge over Wepawaug River (OR 2) – Signed license agreement with PJF Construction to use part of our property for their work on the bridge.
- Deer hunt – Check station shifts were assigned.

- Hamden, “Door Tree” – Police completed their investigation and arrested person responsible. Met with Hamden Historical Society representatives to discuss donating tree and getting it out of the wetland. Issued special permit to them to discuss the plan with contractors.
- Wheelers Farm Rd., Milford easement – Filed on the town land records.
- 75 Sunset Dr., Derby – Fielded emails and calls from seller and buyer of this property since it included a 15,000-gallon pneumatic tank that ADWCo/BUI sold to the former property owner.
- Invasive plants - Staff hand-pulled water chestnuts from Furnace Pond. Cut and chipped the bamboo at Marion Dr., North Haven. Mowed the Japanese knotweed off of Rt. 69 again.

Invasive Species Documented/ Mapped (ac)	30 acres
Invasive Species Treated (ac/MH)	16.64 acres, 64 man hours

6. There were no other land items to report.
7. The committee’s next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Lake Saltonstall in Branford to tour the foliage and will include the committee’s annual pizza dinner.
8. At 5:35 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Mark Levine, Chairman