

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

Minutes of October 17, 2019 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, October 17, 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
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen A. Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine

Absent

East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
North Branford	Vacant
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
David Borowy
Joseph Cermola, Sr.
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Linda Discepolo
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Ted Norris
Beth Silvia-Aramendi

United Way

Jennifer Heath, President & CEO

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

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 handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Horbal, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its September 19, 2019 meeting minutes, as corrected, with 75 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)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Mr. Norris, RWA’s Vice President of Asset Management introduced Ms. Heath, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Greater New Haven, who provided a presentation of the 2019 United Way Campaign.

At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Betkoski entered the meeting.

Communications

Chair Ricoszi communicated that RPB Orientation for new members is scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., which will include a meeting with RWA’s Leadership Team, followed by a tour of the facility. The orientation tour of Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. All RPB members are invited to attend both orientations.

He also reported that management will be providing a detailed presentation of RWA’s Ten-Year Model to the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee at its October 28, 2019 meeting at 5:30 p.m., and a brief overview of the Model at the RPB Finance Committee meeting on November 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. RPB members are invited to attend both meetings.

Mr. Ricoszi reported that the RPB Executive Committee met earlier in the month and discussed possible revisions to the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice. He is looking for volunteers for this assignment.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Havrda, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member, reported that the Committee met at the end of last month and voted unanimously to recommend to the RPB the reappointment of Ms. Sack to the Authority for a five-year term. He moved for adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Suzanne C. Sack, be, and hereby is, reappointed as a member of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective December 31, 2019, with her term to extend until December 31, 2024 and until her successor is appointed and has qualified.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Mongillo stated that he also served on the Nominating Committee for Authority member and was pleased to recommend Ms. Sack for reappointment.

On motion made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mr. Mongillo, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its third quarter 2019 member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye

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

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum noted that the Committee’s next meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019. He also reported that at its meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., the Committee’s agenda will include a brief overview of the RWA’s Ten-Year Model. All RPB members are invited to attend.

Land Use Committee – Chair Levine reported that the Committee met earlier in the week and had to relocate the meeting to the RWA office due to the weather. The Committee had its annual pizza dinner and held a discussion with management on RWA’s Recreation Program improvements.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Chair Mongillo reported that the Committee’s next meeting is on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The Committee’s agenda will include a detailed overview of the RWA’s Ten-Year Model. All RPB members are invited to attend.

Mr. Mongillo commented on an open house he attended at the United Way and thanked Mr. Norris for his work with the organization.

Executive Committee – Chair Ricozzi reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee discussed the Ten-Year Model review schedule, possible changes to the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice, and future projects and planning. Discussion regarding memorials was tabled and the Committee will hold a special meeting before the end of the year to meet with management to discuss Non-Core Revenue.

Authority/Management – Mr. DiSalvo reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the RWA’s Pension & Benefit Committee, started by thanking members of the RPB for her reappointment to the Authority. She reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day, which included a review of the RWA’s investment performance with the plans investment advisor.

Mr. DiSalvo reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also reviewed the results of its 2019 Self-Assessment Survey.

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
- Six month look ahead
- Data sample showing water loss
- Capital spending analysis update

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reported on the RWA meeting that took place earlier in the day. He reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended September 30, 2019, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2020 is 114%, with a projected draw of \$277,000, prior to the upcoming refinancing (or utilizing General Fund monies in excess of \$10 million).

Mr. Bingaman reported that reservoir levels as of October 15, 2019 were at 77%, compared to the long-term average of 88%, and a historical average of 67%.

Mr. DiSalvo encouraged RPB members to attend Authority meetings. He reminded them that regular Authority meetings are open to the public.

Ms. Mowat Young stated that she attended a few Authority meetings and highly recommended that RPB members attend these meetings whenever possible.

At 7:14 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary