

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

Minutes of March 19, 2020 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, March 19, 2020. Due to the Coronavirus, the meeting was held via teleconference. Chairman 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
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine

Absent

Milford	Richard Smith
North Branford	Vacant
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino

Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
Kevin J. Curseaden
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry Bingaman
Linda Discepolo
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Ted Norris

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. Ms. Slubowski did the roll call.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Betkoski, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its February 20, 2020 meeting, with 50 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

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

Communications

Chair Ricozzi announced the special committee meeting dates to review the RWA's FY 2021 Capital and Operating Budgets. RPB members are invited to attend either session:

- **Consumer Affairs Committee and Land Use Committee joint meeting** – Monday, April 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Finance Committee** – Wednesday, April 22, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Due to social distancing requirements both meetings will take place via remote access only with details to follow.

He also reported on an increase adjustment to the RPB Compensation, which is effective as of January 1, 2020 for the next five years.

Chair Ricozzi stated that the next item on the agenda would include a vote on the Final Decision for the Authority's application for the disposition of 59 Rimmon Road in Seymour. Members who did not attend the public hearing should have familiarized themselves with the public hearing notes prior to voting.

Item for Consideration and Action

Mr. Betkoski moved for adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for the disposition of 1.62 acres located north of Rimmon Road in Seymour that is part of Land Unit SE 11, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Slocum moved for adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Authority filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") on February 24, 2020, for a project to complete the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the RPB referred the Application to the Finance Committee for review; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee, after its review of the Application, hereby recommends that the RPB consider, and render a decision, on the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements application on the same evening as the public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as recommended by the Finance Committee, the RPB will consider the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements application, and render a decision, on the same evening as the public hearing.

Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Slocum moved for adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), on February 24, 2020, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of a project to complete the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommends that it be accepted by the RPB as complete and recommends that a public hearing be scheduled and conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS, the RPB accepts said Application, as complete and schedules said Application for a public hearing in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Authority’s Application for approval of a project to complete the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements and determines to hold a public hearing on the Application, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Chair Rizzo noted that due to the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus, provisions would be made for public participation at the hearing, via remote access, and that instructions for public hearing access would be included in the Notice of Public hearing.

Chair Rizzo announced that due to the circumstances surrounding the remote meeting, it would be appropriate for board members to write down their questions and comments regarding the discussion on the presentation of *Rates – Emerging Trends and Considerations*, and submit them to Ms. Slubowski by Tuesday, March 24, 2020. She will gather the information and forward it to management for responses. It was the consensus of the board to move forward with this process.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to review the Branford Hill Area Improvements application. The committee also met with the RWA’s auditor to review audit objectives going forward. They also reviewed RPB approved projects.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to receive an update on the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s water diversion reporting requirements.

RPB Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that at the committee meeting last month the Committee held a consumer hearing and voted to uphold the final determination of the Office of Consumer Affairs.

The committee also met earlier in the week to receive an update from management on the RWA’s PipeSafe Program and related services and expansion.

Authority/Management – Chair DiSalvo reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee and the Non-core Business Committee. He reported that the Authority voted to approve the Charter for the Non-Core Business Committee and the committee held its first meeting.

Due to the events surrounding the remote meeting, Mr. DiSalvo sated he would report on the details of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, the Non-core Business Committee and the Authority meeting next month.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended February 29, 2020, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2020 is 118%, with no projected draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

He provided an update of the coronavirus, which included:

- Status at RWA
- Activation of Incident Management Plan
- Key operations
- Treatment and distribution
- Hygiene at 90 Sargent Drive

At 7:08 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary

Attachments:

1. Final Decision and Resolution to approve the Authority's Application for the disposition of 1.62 acres located north of Rimmon Road in Seymour that is part of Land Unit SE 11.