

**Representative Policy Board  
Land Use Committee  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
Via Remote Access  
Minutes of April 8, 2020 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, April 8, 2020 via remote access. Chair Levine presided.

Present: Committee Members: P. Betkoski, B. Eitzer, R. Harvey, M. Horbal, M. Levine, G. Malloy, J. Oslander and J. Mowat Young  
 RPB: M. Ricozzi  
 Authority: David Borowy  
 RWA Management: A. Velasquez, T. Norris and J. Triana

Chair Levine called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Chair Levine reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.
2. The Committee approved the minutes of its March 11, 2020 meeting.
3. Ms. Velasquez, RWA’s Environmental Compliance Analyst, provided an environmental compliance update, which included:
  - RWA’s Regulatory compliance program
  - Environmental Protection Agency Prevention Control and Countermeasure Regulations
  - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act
  - Generator regulations and requirements
  - Waste storage & disposal
  - Compliance status
  - CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency Wastewater discharge permitting
  - Future outlook

At 5:50 p.m., Ms. Velasquez withdrew from the meeting.

4. Update on *The Land We Need for the Water We Use Program* – J. Triana reported:

Reservoir Levels (Percent Full)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average	Drought Status
March 31, 2020	98	97	91	None

Rainfall (inches)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average
March 2020	4.03	2.70	4.32
Fiscal YTD (6/1/19 – 3/31/20)	40.31	49.39	38.37

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.

Olin property option, Hamden – Received legal opinion from Murtha that the option would not be considered an interest in real estate, therefore it would not need to go through the disposition process.

DePodesta (HA 38) and Hendrickson properties (HA 26A/BE 20A) – Sent materials to DEEP (title searches, certificates of title, legal descriptions, and surveys)

#### Rental houses:

- Seymour, 59 Rimmon Rd. (SE 11) – Fixed plumbing issue. RPB approved disposition application. Notice published in the newspaper.
- Hamden, 95 Ives St. (HA 13) and 233 Skiff St. (HA 9A) – Printed out all the copies for the application.

#### Forestry Update

- Guilford – West of Sugar Loaf ash salvage (GU 4) – 40% complete
  - Madison – Hammonasset Peninsula (MA 9) – **Complete.**
  - Madison – West side of Hammonasset (MA 9) – **Complete.**
  - North Branford - Beech Street Softwood (NB 4) – 85% complete
  - 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) – **Complete.**
  - Bethany – East of Lake Bethany softwood (BE 18) – **Complete.**
  - Bethany – East of Lake Bethany hardwood (BE 18) – **70% complete.**
- Logs from the Door Tree in Hamden were picked up by the lumber mill.
  - Completed firewood renewal letters and mailed them to approximately 120 firewood cutters.
  - Completed deer regeneration plot data collection and entry.

#### Recreation

- Recreation permit holders – 4,049.
- Billboard campaign about fishing started.
- Finalized PA's for Prospect and North Branford trails.
- Got replacement for the Eric Stone sign at Chamberlain.
- Governor moved up the opening day of fishing due to the COVID crisis. Decided to not install the docks or run the boat program due to COVID (social distancing concerns).
- Worked on proposal to offer free permits for Maltby and Saltonstall.
- Completed the recreation photo contest online.

#### Special Activity Permits

- McLaren Engineering Group (Craig Plate) – Perform a routine and underwater inspection of the Waite Street Bridge over Lake Whitney; contracted by CTDOT to perform the inspection; 2/14/2020.

- Gateway Community College, (Kristina Kosnoff) and designees)-Provide a better understanding to the student group mission for the purpose of outdoor education; discuss the terrain and species, and safe hiking practices, Maltby Lakes, West Haven; (4/4/2020)
- Southern Connecticut State University, (Steven P. Brady, Assistant Professor and designees) - Studying light and salt pollution effects on amphibians and their habitats; collect water quality and environmental data at several wetlands, ponds, streams, and the Mill River, Hamden; (3/11/2020-3/11/2021).

Other items

- Encroachments/agreements –
  - Agricultural fields – Replied to three inquiries about using our fields.
  - Seymour OEM radio equipment – Executed agreement to use the building at 3 Clinton Rd.
  - Branford, sewer pump station – Corresponded with Branford Engineer about the matter of an encroachment on our property.
- Invasive plants – Mapped invasive populations in Bethany, Madison, and Prospect. Treated invasive populations in Hamden. Met with DEEP wildlife staff to look at areas of barberry for a satellite mapping program they are testing.

Invasive Species Documented/ Mapped (ac)	2.5acres
Invasive Species Treated (ac/MH)	0.5 acres

- Durham, Vasel driveway – Survey of licensed area completed. Reviewed new drafts of license agreement.
  - Former copper mine, Hamden – Replied to customer regarding suggestion to place grate over former mine to help bats. Informed him that the mine had been buried some time ago and no bats live within it.
5. There were no other land items to report.
  6. The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
    - Upcoming Special meetings to review the FY 2021 Budget (*members may attend either meeting*):
      - i. Monday, April 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – joint meeting of Consumer Affairs Committee and Land Use Committee
      - ii. Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. – Finance Committee
  7. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.