

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Via Remote Access**

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
- II Approval of Minutes – October 15, 2020 meeting
- III Communications
 - A. Code of Ethics Forms
- IV Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Land Use Committee’s Recommendation regarding completeness and mode of the Authority’s Application for a Non-substantial Amendment to the Land Use Plan to Modify the Current Procedure for Future Renewable Economic Resource Projects
 - B. 2021 Calendar Year RPB Regular Meeting Dates
- V Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Bylaws and Rules Review Committee
 - E. Authority/Management
- VI Adjourn

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SAFETY MOMENT

NOVEMBER – COMPLACENCY AND STAYING SAFE

Now more than ever it is important to continue to practice social distancing, best hygiene practices and continuing to wear face masks when in public or group settings.

People become comfortable and, often inadvertently, ease their protective measures, let down their facial covering and are lulled into a false sense of security. Now is not the time to become complacent. **Signs of complacency are:**

- Using unsafe behaviors
- Having a “*Never happen to me syndrome*”
- Ignoring social distancing rules
- Not washing hands regularly
- Not staying home when you aren’t feeling well

The country still faces many challenges in overcoming the pandemic, including agreeing on even the most basic facts. Read the facts, social distance and practice good hygiene.

Tap Into
Safety



Regional Water Authority



Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

Safety is a core company value at the Regional Water Authority .
It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.

 Regional Water Authority

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of October 15, 2020 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, October 15, 2020, via remote access. 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
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony P. Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Mike Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

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Anthony DiSalvo
Joe Cermola
Kevin Curseaden
David Borowy
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Edward O. Norris III
Jeanine Reckdenwald
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Paul McCary

Absent

North Branford Peter DeSantis

Office of Consumer Affairs

Atty. Louis Dagostine

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. Pepe, the RPB approved the minutes of its September 17, 2020 meeting as distributed, with 83 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 (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Nay
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Noted that the RPB Dashboard Quarterly Update has been distributed to members. The Dashboard will be reviewed by the Consumer Affairs Committee at a future meeting to discuss possible adjustments.

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Smith entered the meeting.

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. The committee held a discussion on the current compensation freeze for RPB members. It was the consensus of the committee to recommend to the RPB that it continue with the compensation freeze until a later date, at which time the committee will meet to discuss the status of the pandemic and its financial effect on the RWA.

On motion made by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Pepe, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2020 third quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, and the extension of the compensation increase freeze until December 31, 2020, with 94 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 (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month and met with the RWA’s auditors from Blum Shapiro to receive the fiscal 2020 year-end update. The committee also reviewed the first quarter 2021 financials and the RPB Dashboard report.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the week at Lake Saltonstall. He stated that it was the annual pizza dinner. The committee voted to recommend the Land Use Plan Amendment as non-substantial for the RPB to consider for approval at its November meeting. The committee also received a recreation update and history of the Lake from management.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place last month. The committee received an update from management on the RWA’s PipeSafe Marketing efforts. The OCA also reported that there are currently no active consumer complaints.

The committee will meet on Monday, October 19, 2020 and review the Ten-Year Model with management. All RPB members are invited to attend.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Malloy, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that the committee met at the end of August to discuss the Criteria to be utilized in recommending appointment of a candidate and to discuss possible in-person interviews. The committee also interviewed the incumbent to discuss his interest in continuing to serve.

RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee – Mr. Ricozzi reported on the special committee meeting that took place earlier in the month. The committee met with management and members of the Authority to discuss the process for the approval of capital projects. The committee is expected to hold its next meeting in early November.

Authority/Management – In Mr. DiSalvo’s absence, Mr. Cermola reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee reported that the committee met with representatives of Morgan Stanley to receive a quarterly update ending September 30, 2020 and to discuss the market environment. The Committee also voted to recommend a Sixth Amendment to the RWA’s Voluntary Investment Plan.

She also reported on a special meeting of the Pension & Benefit Committee last week to discuss the historical and prospective outlook for investment returns by asset class, asset allocations, and costs related to managing the portfolio.

Ms. Nesteriak, RWA’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, reported on activities over the past month, which included:

- Status of COVID at RWA
- Cleaning at sanitization
- Office/Work from home status

Mr. Bingaman reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority received a presentation from management on the benefits of AML. The presentation will be discussed at upcoming RPB Committee meetings.

He reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended August 31, 2020, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2021 is 114%, with a projected shortfall of \$3,274,000. He noted that there is still continued uncertainty of the financial impact of the pandemic on RWA’s and mentioned that the revised budget assumed a full return to normal in January 2021. Management will continue to watch for financial impacts.

He also reported that reservoir levels as of October 13, 2020, 2020 were 65%, compared to the long-term average of 67%.

The Office of Consumer Affairs had nothing to report.

The RPB congratulated the RWA on a recent award it received from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) to honor the RWA with its 2020 Sustainable Water Utility Management Award. This award recognizes water utilities that have made a commitment to responsible management that achieves a balance of innovative and successful efforts in the areas of economic, social and environmental endeavors

At 7:10 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary

**REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY**

November 19, 2020

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

*(Non-substantial Amendment to the Land Use Plan – Modification of the current procedure for
Future Renewable Economic Resource Projects)*

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), on September 21, 2020, filed an Application to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for the approval of a Non-substantial Amendment to the Land Use Plan to modify the current procedure for Future Renewable Economic Energy Resource Projects (“Application” or “Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee of the RPB reviewed the Application and recommends that it be accepted as complete and considered non-substantial without a public hearing required; and

WHEREAS, the RPB concludes that the Amendment is non-substantial and the proposed action is consistent with and advances the policies and goals of the RWA. The modification will streamline the procedure to avoid redundant steps and increase the clarity of the process. Modifying the procedure will not have an adverse impact on the water supply. The creation of a de minimis category will have a positive financial impact.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB hereby accepts the Application as complete and approves, without a public hearing, the RWA’s Application for the approval of a Non-substantial Amendment to the Land Use Plan to modify the current procedure for Future Renewable Economic Energy Resource Projects, filed September 21, 2020, in accordance with Section 18 of Connecticut Special Act 77-98, as amended.

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Proposed Calendar of 2021 Regular Meeting Dates

(Meeting dates are the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated below)

January 21
February 18
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18
December 16