

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

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
- II Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2020 meeting
- III Communications
 - A. Update on RPB reappointments
- IV Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Possible recommendation of Finance Committee to approve RWA not charging interest (zero interest rate), beyond December 31, 2020
- V Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Bylaws and Rules Review Committee
 - E. Nominating Committee
 - F. Authority/Management
- VI Adjourn

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Topic: RPB Meeting

Time: Dec 17, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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SAFETY MOMENT

DECEMBER – HOW CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS WORKERS

Workers are often the first to be exposed to the effects of climate change and may be affected for longer durations and at greater intensities. Climate change may result in not only the increasing prevalence and severity of known occupational hazards and exposures, but also the emergence of new ones.

If we make no improvements, climate change will damage economies, promote resource scarcity, and drastically increase the cost of doing business.

The first step to reducing emissions is knowing how much carbon your business emits. Below are ways your business can reduce carbon emissions:

- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Reduce food waste
- Invest in renewable energy
- Use green refrigerants and appliances
- Educate yourself, your staff and your customers
- Raise your business voice: support policy initiatives



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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.

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**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of November 19, 2020 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, November 19, 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
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
Beth Nesteriak
Rochelle Kowalski
Edward O. Norris III
Jeanine Reckdenwald
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Amy Velasquez
Anna Collins
Tara Augur

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Esq.

Absent

Derby Frank Pepe

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

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 Ms. Campbell, the RPB approved the minutes of its October 15, 2020 meeting as distributed, with 100 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)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Ricozzi stated that the RWA Code of Ethics requires members to file a Conflict of Interest/Profit/Gift/Food Disclosure Report for the period ended November 30, 2020. He asked that members submit forms to Mrs. Slubowski by December 4th.

He also noted that members received an updated board roster. Please contact the board office for any changes.

Chair Ricozzi also reported that the Finance Committee will be discussing the 3 R’s (risk, resiliency and redundancy) with management at its December meeting and the Consumer Affairs Committee will receive the same presentation at its December or January meeting. RPB members are invited to attend either meeting.

Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the committee meeting in September to review the Authority’s application for a Non-substantial Amendment to the Land Use Plan for the Modification of the current procedure for Future Renewable Economic Resource Projects. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

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.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB approved the resolutions with 100 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)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

On motion made by Mr. Mongillo, seconded by Mr. Horbal, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the following 2021 Calendar Year meeting dates, as presented, with 100 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative: January 21; February 18; March 18; April 15; May 20; June 17; July 15; August 19; September 16; October 21; November 18; and December 16, with all meetings to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Chair Ricozzi stated that RPB members should expect to meet via remote access through February, at which time the status of the pandemic will be revisited.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month and received a review of the Ten Year Model.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the week and received a report of RWA properties from the police Captain. The committee also received land updates from management and reviewed and approved its 2021 meeting schedule.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place earlier in the week. The committee received a business continuity plan update from management. The committee also discussed the necessity for changes to the RPB Dashboard Report.

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 to discuss alternatives to the capital project approval process and the rate application process.

Authority/Management – Mr. DiSalvo, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Strategic Planning Committee and discussed new priority action plans and the Chief Executive Officer’s goals. The committee also received background of the 2021 Strategic Plan update.

At the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the board approved the consent agenda and discussed the 2022 budget schedule.

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
- Contact tracing
- Isolation efforts/remote work
- Disinfection and increased cleaning procedures

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Office, commended the Return to Work Committee for its work on setting the policy for employees to remain safe during the pandemic.

He reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended October 31, 2020, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2021 is 114%, with a projected shortfall of \$2.7 million. He stated that there is still continued uncertainty of the financial impact of the pandemic and that it is important to note that the revised fiscal 2021 budget assumes a full return to normal in January 2021.

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He also reported that reservoir levels as of November 16, 2020, were 63%, compared to the long-term average of 66%.

Discussion took place regarding the effect of Pipesafe ads, effects of Covid on retirements, and the upcoming six month financial report.

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
PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

December 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7W, which extended Executive Order 7S Section 6 applicable to municipalities, to quasi-municipal corporations, extending the tax deferral and the interest rate reduction program to water charges among other types charges (e.g., sewer and electric), and which Executive Order ends July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, management recommended extending the time period concerning abatement of interest (a zero interest rate) through December 31, 2020 and presented such recommendation at the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) Finance Committee meeting on June 8, 2020 and at the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the RPB Finance Committee and RPB Customer Affairs Committee agreed to recommend to the full RPB management’s recommendation and concurs that this is the right approach in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic impacts.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020 the full RPB approved a zero interest rate through December 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues and the associated economic impacts, management recommended to the RPB Finance Committee on December 14, 2020 extending the time period of the abatement of interest (0% interest rate) through at least March 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the RPB Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the full RPB management’s recommendation and concurs with their recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the full RPB approves the continuation of the abatement of interest on arrears, authorizing a zero interest rate through at least March 31, 2021 and not longer than May 31, 2021.