

**Representative Policy Board  
Land Use Committee  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

**Minutes of November 18, 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, October 14, 2020 at Lake Saltonstall, 100 Hosley Avenue, Branford, Connecticut. Chair Betkoski presided.

Present: Committee Members: P. Betkoski, B. Eitzer, R. Harvey, M. Horbal, M. Levine, G. Malloy, J. Oslander and J. Mowat Young

Authority: D. Borowy

Management: P. Ruggiero, T. Norris and J. Triana

RPB Staff: J. Slubowski

Chair Betkoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, and unanimously carried the Committee approved the minutes of its October 14, 2020 meeting.

At 5:35 p.m., Ms. Young entered the meeting.

Captain Ruggiero, of the RWA Police, provided an update on surveillance of RWA properties, which included:

- Cameras deployed
- ATV’s and trespassers
- Illegal activity
- Property damage
- Police staffing

At 5:53 p.m., Captain Ruggiero withdrew from the meeting.

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
October 31, 2020	64	79	66	None

Rainfall (inches)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average
October 2020	4.22	7.76	3.85
Fiscal YTD (6/1/20 – 10/31/20)	15.65	22.57	19.02

Land We Need for the Water We Use Program (Dispositions/Acquisitions)

- Killingworth - Corresponded with property owner of 25+/- acres.

Hamden/Bethany, DePodesta and Hendrickson properties – Received the recorded easement for Hendrickson from Hamden. Issued revised title policy to DEEP. Continued to work on DePodesta survey and title issues for the OSWLA grant.

Rental houses:

- Seymour, 59 Rimmon Rd. (SE 11) – Granted buyers additional extension for the closing into November.
- Hamden, 95 Ives St. (HA 13) and 233 Skiff St. (HA 9A) – Submitted revised plans for Skiff St. lot split to Hamden staff.
- Woodbridge, 1029 Johnson Rd. – Contacted owners about progress and forwarded contact information of others interested in the property.

#### Forestry Update

- Guilford – West of Sugar Loaf ash salvage (GU 4) – 40% 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
- Bethany – East of Lake Bethany hardwood (BE 18) – 70% complete.
  - Marked timber harvests in two different areas; Seymour and Madison. Madison area is complete and out to bid.
  - Assisted the CAES (with help from our facilities dept.) in digging soil pits in Madison. These pits and the data collected from them will allow us to better understand changes in soil composition under a changing tree canopy.
  - Conducted drone flight and mapping of FR-EH tornado damage.
  - Ordered Christmas trees for the 2021 planting season.

#### Recreation

- Recreation permit holders – 5,758
- Boating ended. Dock removed.
- Maltby Lakes and Lake Chamberlain gates were vandalized and repaired.
- Newsletter published and mailed.
- Held invasive plant walk at Lake Chamberlain with 5 participants.
- Walleye stocking occurred at Lake Saltonstall.
- Quinnipiac Trail relocation in Prospect is complete.

#### Special Activity Permits

- Girl Scouts of Connecticut Troop 320 (Heather Angelico), Troop Leader - Brownie Troop is attempting to earn their Outdoor Art Creator Badge. Would like to hike Maltby Lake and inspire the kids to use lakes and local foliage as inspiration for their art projects, Maltby Lakes, West Haven, (10/25/20)
- Resources in Search and Rescue, Inc.-(Ms. Celeste Robitaille and designees)-Training of Search and Rescue K9 teams to locate lost or missing individuals, Lake Watrous and Lake Dawson, (10/13/2020-10/3/2021).
- Chris Sullivan, PhD Student, UCONN- Will be taking tissue (using non-lethal biopsy punches) from the 15 bass to evaluate mercury contamination, Lake Saltonstall, (10/17/20)
- GM2 Associates, Inc.-(Mr. Peter Tetreault and designees)-perform field survey and site survey of hydraulic conditions upstream and downstream of the culvert carrying Treadwell Street over Lake Whitney, (10/19/20-10/30/20).

#### Other items

- Encroachments/agreements –
  - Agricultural fields – Discussed a field with a potential farmer.
  - North Branford, 229 Forest Rd. (NB 17) – Sent letter about the encroachments.
  - Seymour, 6 Maiden Lane (SE 3) – Sent letter to son after death of licensee.

- Invasive plants – Treated invasives in East Haven, Woodbridge, and Bethany. Corresponded with CAES staff about spotted lantern fly monitoring at Lake Saltonstall. Collected herbicide plot data at Prospect.

Invasive Species Documented/ Mapped (ac)	~8 acre
Invasive Species Treated (ac/MH)	~35 acres

- Deer hunt – Scouting period began and ended. Hunt started on October 30. Eleven deer harvested and checked in on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussed plans with CAES about installing feeders and cameras after the hunt at Lake Gaillard.
- Cell phone antennas – Discussed swap of antennas at Rabbit Rock tank with vendor.
- Comcast lease, Burwell Tank site – Received proposal from Comcast about second amendment to lease. Sent counter proposal.

There were no other land items to report.

The committee reviewed and approved its 2021 calendar year meeting dates.

Chair Betkoski reported on the volunteer to attend the Authority meeting on November 19, 2020.

The next regular meeting of the committee is Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:13 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Peter Betkoski, Chairman