

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Environmental, Health & Safety Committee**

**Minutes of the May 20, 2021 Meeting
Via Remote Access**

A regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) took place on Thursday, May 20, 2021, via remote access. Chair Curseaden presided.

Present: Committee –Messrs. Curseaden, Borowy, DiSalvo and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Nesteriak, Velasquez, Vitagliano and Messrs. Bingaman, Hudak, and Singh
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. DiSalvo, seconded by Mr. Borowy, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the its meeting held on March 18, 2021.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Abstain
Sack	Aye

Mr. Hudak, RWA’s Environmental Planning Manager, provided an update of the Former Hamden Middle School Remediation Project. He discussed the historical background and traditional policies of waste filling between 1800 and 1950. Mr. Hudak reported that the remediation project was broken down into five separate phases between 2014 and 2020 for a total project cost of \$4.3 million. Currently, there are two remaining environmental land use restrictions in place to restrict activities on the properties, which need to be finalized and recorded on the land records with notifications to local agencies. Upon completion of the project, the RWA provided a report to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, which was approved in March 2021. Mr. Hudak stated that continuous ground water monitoring will be conducted until the samples meet regulations. The property is under contract and will be sold when the title has been cleared.

Discussion took place regarding property sale, land use restrictions and project funding.

Ms. Vitagliano, the RWA’s Government and Public Relations Specialist, provide a 2021 Legislative Outlook, which included:

- Legislative landscape
- RWA priority bills
- Department of Public Health priority bills
- Other industry issues

At 1:49 p.m., Ms. Vitagliano withdrew from the meeting.

Ms. Velasquez, the RWA’s Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Lead, provided a presentation on the RWA’s sustainability activities since 2018. She reported on the environmental effects of the pollinator program, which increase the soil’s capacity to store water, and reduce flooding and polluted stormwater runoff. She also commented on the pathways program, which was developed to de-fragment the environment and provide food and habitat for pollinators. Several district towns have joined the program including Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, Hamden, New Haven and North Branford. Ms.

Velasquez highlighted other projects for the future, which included an energy use audit, charging station for electric vehicles and construction equipment, and additional pollinator gardens.

Discussion took place regarding pollinating project's effect on water quality and the use of program for education and outreach.

At 2:05 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. Sack, and unanimously carried, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Kevin Curseaden, Chairman