

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of February 20, 2020 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at the Seymour Land Trust, Henry Hamel Environmental Building, 13 Chatfield Street, Seymour, Connecticut. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph Oslander
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
Kevin Curseaden
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Linda Discepolo
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Ted Norris
John Triana

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Absent

Bethany	Brian Eitzer
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Vacant
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Horbal, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its January 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes, as distributed, with 50 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Absent

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Bethany (5)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Abstain

On motion made by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its January 30, 2020 special meeting minutes, as distributed, with 44 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Absent
Bethany (5)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Abstain	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Vacant	Gov. Rep. (1)	Abstain

Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported on the Code of Ethics Compliance for the period ended November 30, 2019. He reported no violations.

He also communicated that the RPB's March meeting will include a discussion on responses to the special meeting presentation that took place last month, *Rates – Emerging Trends and Considerations*.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place earlier in the month. The committee met with management to review the Branford Hill Service Area Improvements Project and receive an update on revisions to the General Bond Resolution.

Chair Ricozzi reported that the Task Committee reviewing the RPB's Bylaws and Rules of Practice will also review methods to accommodate how to manage a project whose costs have crossed the \$2 million limit and needs RPB approval, similar to the Branford Hills Project presented to the Finance Committee. The committee will consist of the Task Committee members as well as Authority members and Management.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the committee met last week to discuss two property acquisitions from 2019 in Bethany and Hamden.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place at the end of January. The committee met to review information related to a water bill dispute. As a result, the Committee will hold a consumer hearing on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The committee also reviewed and approved the OCA's FY 2021 Budget.

The Committee's will meet next on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., immediately following the consumer hearing.

Authority/Management – Mr. DiSalvo, Authority Chair, reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority also met as the Audit-Risk Committee. He stated that the Committee met with Blum Shapiro to receive an update of the upcoming audit. The committee also received a record retention update and continued discussions on the Department of Homeland Security's presentation.

Mr. DiSalvo reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority discussed the Non-Core Business Committee charter and approved the Branford Service Area Application.

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Mr. DiSalvo stated that Mr. Borowy and Ms. Sack have volunteered to join the special committee to review the RPB Rules.

Ms. Nesteriak, the RWA's Senior Vice President of Operations & Business Strategy, reported on meeting that will be held March 5th with local health departments to discuss issues related to water service interruptions, PFAS, and other topics of interest.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reported on a meeting in early February with the Mayor of New Haven, Justin Elicker and members of his staff, to receive an overview of the RWA and discuss initiatives, economic development, and infrastructure. The meeting was positive and Mayor Elicker was supportive of the RWA's work and complimentary of the water quality.

He also highlighted a meeting last month with First Selectwoman, Catherine Iino of Killingworth, to discuss various topics. The meeting was positive and the RWA offered to review plans for possible impacts of a town project.

Mr. Bingaman stated that as part of RWA's Strategic Plan to hire 10 interns from the Public Utilities Management Program, 2 interns have been hired and are currently working in water treatment.

He reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the period ended January 31 2020, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2020 is 115%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

Mr. Bingaman reported that water storage levels are at 91% at February 18, 2020, compared to the long-term average of 80%.

Chair Ricoszi acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who had nothing to report.

At 6:52 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Secretary