

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

**LAND USE COMMITTEE**

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MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

Mark:

I will call the meeting to order at 5:30. First we're going to go over a safety moment, how you can prevent carbon monoxide exposure. November safety. If you have a carbon monoxide detector, change the batteries twice a year. And you can read the rest of it.

Do you have a heating system? You all know about that. Yeah, if you use a generator, make sure if you lose power that you don't put it in your garage and run it. Okay? Any questions on the safety moment?

Okay, so now the minutes. Can I have a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting?

Greg:

So moved.

Brian:

This is Brian Eitzer, so moved.

Mark:

All those in favor?

Committee:

Aye.

Mark:

Any opposed? Opposed? Nobody opposed. Nobody abstained. Minutes are approved. Now, this is Sunny. That's lead pipe inventory update by Sunny.

Sunny:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the lead pipe, we have been as the Authority and the members have been [inaudible 00:02:51] notified on a regular basis. We are continuing to do the inventory, which is required for the LCRR and the LCRI. We will go into further details on what we have done so far with regards to the development, communication, funding and schedule. With that, I'll turn it over to Tom. Tom will give you an update, and then if you have any questions, we will take questions and then respond as appropriate.

Tom:

Sure, Sunny. Thank you very much. Good afternoon to committee members. As Sunny mentioned, we're working on the service line inventory program. I just want to provide a little bit of a background here as to what our activities have been and really what we're focusing on.

You may remember the lead program that [inaudible 00:03:42] around for 30-some-odd years, some significant changes as a result of things that have happened around country. So, we're focusing on primary responsibility. In these revisions is the development of a comprehensive [inaudible 00:03:58].

We've been looking at old records. As you can appreciate, we have a bunch of those, but we have some gaps in that data so we're looking at other opportunities to gather the information that we're not responsible for. So, [inaudible 00:04:13] historically we've been responsible for service lines being curved out. And really that's where our responsibility has ended historically.

These revisions now extend our responsibility to the meter inside homes. So, now we have to solicit information around service lines that underlie parking lots, people's floors, etc. So, what we have been doing as part of that data gathering effort is we've utilized the vacuum excavation as a mechanism of ease, if you will, right?

It's not open trench cuts. It's not digging up people's lawns. It's a relatively small circular hole using a powerful vacuum, not unlike the municipalities we use to clean out storm drains, as an example. So, we get right over the service line. We excavate a small hole. Now we can put eyes on the service line. We can gather information that we didn't have.

So, we've been doing that throughout our 16-town district. We've done just about 3,000 holes, gathering some good information, providing additional information that we need. We've completed that work at this juncture.

We've taken that information along with the historic data record we have, put that all into a software modeling that our consultant CDM has. That model has been able to provide us with some insight as to what some of these unknown contributions to the service lines is.

We took all that information; we embedded it within a template that our regulator at the State Department of Public Health had provided. All water utilities incidentally have this [inaudible 00:06:05]. So, we filled out the template. It was due on the 16th of October to Hartford. We made that deadline, submitted the data as required. A follow-up to that is we have to provide information to our customers in the form of a letter as to what they had, what their service lines were. We did all of that. We completed that [inaudible 00:06:31].

We're continuing now, as we met those submission deadlines to gather additional information because of course now, even though we've gathered a lot of information, that inventory is not complete. We have to continue to work on that. As you can appreciate, we do work in the field every day. Conditions are changing on a daily basis. We need to keep up with all of that information.

One of the things that we're doing is trying to utilize our existing staff, construction, metering, Cross Connections that are in facilities on a daily basis while there they're gathering service line information that we wouldn't have otherwise had that express interest in. So, continuing to do that as a matter of course.

While we're going through all of these gyrations of collecting information from residential, commercial, industrial properties, we're trying to keep our lines of communication with everybody open. We're letting everyone know what we're doing. We're communicating with the municipal CEOs, the health departments, the building departments, the boards of education. We're making sure everybody's familiar with what we're doing and why.

Multimedia campaign, it's emails, it's print media, it's phone calls, it's meetings, webinars. So, we're doing a lot in the way of communication, so everybody has an awareness. We also are entertaining questions and come back to them.

Rochelle and her team have been working with the State Department of Public Health, specifically the drinking water SRF program to try to get as much funding as is possible and that we're eligible for. Given the nature and the details in the rule, we're trying to make good on getting a hold of every dime that we can to put that into place and pay for a lot of this work that's going to have to be done now and in the future when we get into the replacement phase, when some of maybe the old lead, if we identify some lead lines or some old galvanized iron lines that in this area, they have to be extracted from the system. We want to be able to pay for that using SRF.

So, Rochelle and her team were constantly looking at those opportunities as they're becoming available through the federal government. We're going to continue to work on this for the foreseeable future. Again, using a number of different mechanisms. We'll be doing some neighborhood canvassing. We'll be speaking in the public forums. We'll be interacting with the different ethnic groups within our district so that we can continue to approach this appropriately, get the information we need, continue to build our inventory, satisfy the requirements, and move on to the next.

That's in a very quick nutshell. Does anybody have any questions that we can-

Joe:

Have you uncovered any problem areas?

Tom:

I wouldn't say there's any necessarily any problem areas. I think this whole thing is somewhat challenging, is kind of new to us in terms of gathering plumbing information, developing properties we don't own, we don't necessarily have direct access and control to, so we're communicating with our customers, letting them know that this is what we have to do and why it's a good idea to do this and trying to establish partnerships with the municipalities, the health departments, the ethnic groups, the faith-based community that already have trust and experience in these neighborhoods. And I think that's going to be helping us tremendously as we're continuing to gather information.

Joe:

How about other water companies? Did they make the deadline?

Tom:

Everybody that I'm aware of has made the deadline.

Joe:

[inaudible 00:10:42] did too?

Tom:

Yes.

Brian:

This is Brian Eitzer. I have one quickie question. As you're gathering all this information about the lines, do we have any sense if there are more lead lines than we expected or less lead lines? Because that's going to really play into what the cost of the program's going to end up being.

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Tom:

Absolutely. I can tell you at this point we're identifying less than we had anticipated.

Brian:

Good. That's good news.

Joe:

Now, with the change in administration, our current administration in Washington, do you see any big changes in this?

Tom:

Well, I mean some of that is speculation still at this point, but I mean a lot of the federal regulations have built into them anti-backsliding provisions. So, my understanding is the next administration cannot come in and make changes to the regulation that would weaken it. They can make changes to it, but they can't take away from the public health aspects of what the regulation was designed to do and has been obligated to do.

Any other questions?

Joe:

Your major problem with the lead pipes, is it from the road to the house or in the house?

Tom:

I would say between the water main and the meter inside the house, that length of [inaudible 00:12:07], which isn't to say we won't find lead inside some of the older homes. Right now we don't have any knowledge or experience. I think as we get a little further along the line when we get into the replacement phase, and we're starting to put pipe in and make those connections internally, that will give us an opportunity to kind of look around when we're in the basement space and see if we find any of that. That's not our responsibility. That would be something that the homeowner would be made aware of. We could advise them, but that is strictly the responsibility of the property owner at that point in time.

Sunny:

Right. Just to add to that, gentlemen, so the regulations don't require this downstream of the meter to [inaudible 00:12:52], at least do the inventory. So, our inventory stops at the meters. Where are the meter box? Sometimes it's in the basement, and sometimes it's probably in meter box. So, our responsibility is [inaudible 00:13:05], or at least that's how the present regulations are.

Tom:

Anyone else?

Mark:

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Any other questions? I'm glad you asked that question, Brian, because that was what I was going to ask. Is it any more or any less than what they thought? I'm glad you asked that question. When do you think we'll be start to replace these?

Tom:

I think it's in our plan after the first of the year. So, the second half of FY '25 is what we're forecasting to initiate that work.

Mark:

Okay. Well, anybody else have questions? Okay. Number four, consider an act on recommendations of representative policy board regarding completeness mode and date of public care regarding the Authority's application for proposed disposition of 4.98 acres located at 56 Squantuck Road, Seymour. Land unit SE 5. And I turn to our in-house attorney on the Land Use Committee. Jamie will give us whether it is complete or not.

Jamie:

So, Mark asked me to take a look at this, and I'm not operating as an attorney but as a member of the Land Use Committee. And I went through this and I don't know if I can ask if John is on the call. And I apologize. I can't see if Attorney Donofrio is on the call. But the one thing that I noticed definitively that isn't in the actual document that we received, but I think it can be added easily for the public hearing, is the statutory authority under which we have the authority to act on this application. I didn't see it in the application.

Mark:

Very good, Jamie. [inaudible 00:15:19]

John:

It's in the resolution.

Jennifer:

Do you want me to bring it up?

John:

Yeah, if you have it.

Jamie:

It's in the resolution, not in the application itself. And so it's... The statement of the authorization sought under which and the authority under which we have it.

Mike:

This is Mike Horbal from Seymour. Can I say something on this?

Mark:

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Not really. All this says is whether their application is complete. When we go to the hearing, then you can say whether nay or yay. If you want to talk about the substance of whether of the... Disposition, you have to wait to the hearing. This one just says that they put in an application, and is it a complete application and does it meet the standards of our bylaws?

Mike:

Well, I would like to say that if any revisions have to be made, I'm in favor of this application to sell the land to the town of Seymour. I have been there-

Mark:

That's exactly what I was saying. This is not the time and place for that. Time and place is at the hearing for that. This is only to say the completeness, but believe me, I'm glad you're in favor of it.

Mike:

Thank you.

John:

I don't think it's ever been part of one of the disposition applications. No. I think it's always been part of the resolution that comes from the Five Member Authority to the RPB.

Bob:

Yes.

Jamie:

Okay. I'll make sure it's in the... That's the only thing that I noticed.

Mark:

So, we all set?

Jennifer:

Do you want me to bring up the resolution?

John:

I'm sorry, say that again?

Jennifer:

Do you want me to bring up the resolution?

John:

If you can, sure. Just to make sure it's there.

Mark:

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Jamie, job well done. I'm sure it's there. Just in the resolution, I just...

Mark:

One other time. Kevin Curseaden, when he was on the Land Use Committee, found a mistake in a disposition application too.

Jamie:

What was it?

Mark:

I don't remember what it was. They left something out.

Jamie:

Well, they asked. They provided the authorization sought, but in the Bylaws.

John:

I've got to see the whole thing.

Jamie:

It specifically says the statutory provisions.

Jennifer:

In the memo?

Jamie:

Well, in our rules, it's required to have the statutory provisions, but I think... It says statement of authorization, and somewhere in there [inaudible 00:18:20] authority, but we know what we have the authority [inaudible 00:18:24].

Mark:

Bob has done this before. What do you think, Bob, if he's here?

Bob:

Really, all you're doing is seeing that all the information is there making the application complete so that yes, we can look into the proposed, we can look into and decide whether or not we want to go forward with a sale.

Mark:

Well, I mean, is leaving that out a problem?

Jamie:

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I don't think so. I think if we have it in the resolution, as far as that's concerned, the application is otherwise complete, we know that we have the authority. So, in the application with the caveat that the resolution will include the authorization under which we have the authority to approve this, I'm good with it.

Bob:

But you're talking about the sale. Right now we're just-

Mark:

I don't think so. I think she's talking about, that it's not in the... I could be wrong, but it's not in the application. Is that what you're saying, Jamie?

Jamie:

I'm saying that in the proposed distribution and-

Mark:

Go ahead. Continue.

Jamie:

This is not my area of expertise. It was my first time looking at it. So, I went back to the original rules. And then one area it says you have to have, it has to list the statutory provision under which the authority has the authority to act. And another area didn't say that. It just said the statement of authorization sought, which they did provide.

So, I think we're okay with accepting it, and we know that it will be in the resolution, that it will be provided with this for consideration. So, I think maybe in future applications it might make sense to just throw the statute in there, but I think we're-

Mark:

I'm okay with it if everybody else is okay with it. Do you have a problem with that, John?

John:

I don't think I'm the one who's supposed to comment on it. But I don't have any problem with it. I mean, it all comes from the [inaudible 00:20:43] legislation. It's all spelled out in section 18 of the [inaudible 00:20:47] legislation. That's where we have the authority, where you have the authority to approve dispositions.

Jamie:

Right. And I think it just needs, in future applications, just include that in the proposed disposition application. Just throw the statute in there, and then it'll be in the resolution that will accompany it. That will go to the board.

Mike:

For the board.



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Jamie:

Yeah. So, I think that is more than fine.

Mark:

Okay, I'll go with that if everybody's fine with it. So, do we have a motion to accept the application as complete?

Jamie:

I'll make a motion. I'll make the motion to accept the application as complete.

Mark:

Thank you.

Mike:

I will second the motion. Mike Horbal.

Mark:

Okay, thank you. Any other discussion on whether the application is complete? All those in favor?

Committee members:

Aye.

Mark:

All those opposed? Any abstentions? Thank you very much. And then we will present, and that'll be presented to the full board or a hearing.

Hey, I do have a problem with it, and my problem is this. We see these things now, but nobody has gone. I mean, unless you know as a committee we don't go to look at this. And I think that we should be able to go look at this before it comes before us. And I've said this before, we're talking about a piece of land that really, I don't know who have seen it except for Mr. Horbal probably. And I think it's very important that as a committee we see actual land, the actual thing that we're talking about. And we're not able to do that because now we're not, we can do it individually. And I suggest that everybody, at least on the committee, go by this 56 Squantuck Road and take a look at it.

But I think in future things, John, I would appreciate as a committee that we see [inaudible 00:22:53] report goes. That's my opinion.

Mike:

I could say, I, Mike Horbal, as a Seymour representative, I have gone and seen the property and walked the property, but I think your idea, Mark, is a very good idea. And I would be in favor of that.

Mark:

Yes. I don't think we can go see it now as a group now that this application is in front of us. There's some legal, but I suggested everybody on our committee at least try to make an effort to go by this piece of

property. And in future, I would like to see this kind of stuff come before our committee so that we can either have a meeting out there or go see it. That's my opinion.

Okay. Updates on land and RWA properties including invasive species update, John.

John:

So, I'll just say two notes. Number one to Jen, I'll check the application fully tomorrow. So, I think it's somewhere in there it's got to say special act 77 dash whatever it is. So, I'll verify with that. And the other thing is that, to Mark's point, there have been some disposition applications where you have made special arrangements to go check the location.

And just as you mentioned, Mark, it has to be publicly noticed so that if anyone else, any member of the public wants to arrive there, they can do that. And then someone's got to keep minutes of it so that it is all part of the record and there's no ex parte communication.

An example of when we did this was the Bethany house on Downs Road. We have a special public hearing or remote hearing for that where people could view the property in situ, right? Ready?

Mark:

Yeah.

John:

Okay, let's go. So, at the end of October, our reservoir, our surface water supplies were at 73%. Last year we were at 87. The long-term average is 66. In October, we had just under eight-tenths of an inch of rain. That is the sixth-driest October that we've had in our 113-year record at Lake Whitney. The previous year was 4.01. Historical average is 3.84.

For the fiscal year, we are below average now, 17.58. Last year we were quite above, over 24 inches. And the long-term average is 19.11 inches. So, to add some more color and background to that, and when you add, I was saying this to, I think Greg and Joe because they were here earlier, if you add September's precipitation to October's precipitation, just look at that two-month span. The September-October combination is the driest September-October combination that we have in our 113-year history at Lake Whitney.

And as we're going into the winter, in our public water supply, we're not really threatened by a summer or a fall drought. We usually hit the bottom at this time of the year. It's if we have a dry winter, that would be really precarious for us. But the last time that we had a dry winter was '01, '02. In that case, we were at or below the long-term average, and this year we're above it.

And remember in '01, '02, this was prior to the Lake Whitney water treatment plant being online. So, every 5 million gallons or whatever that Lake Whitney water treatment does helps us in the long run, and that's why we are above the long-term average today as compared to 2001, 2002.

So, the 5 million gallons or whatever it is per day adds up when you consider it's 100 days, 200 days, 300 days, and you could see that in the percentage there. The Land We Need For The Water We Use Program, we correspond with a property owner of 24 acres in Madison. For the Bis/Bowman property in Cheshire, we spoke to abutters about marking the boundaries.

And the 490 Forestland certification was approved. Corresponding with DEEP staff about our OSWLA grant, they're still reviewing the survey and have to give comments back to us so that we can start

working on that. That's really the first step of the many punch list items we have to do before we get our money.

For Branford Cherry Hill Road extension, this was about three and a half acres that we were gifted more or less for a planning and zoning requirement. We received the updated deeds and then filed them in the vault.

North Branford, Beech Street and Poms Lane properties, we executed the deeds and held to closing transferring properties to the North Branford Land Conservation trust, so that all worked out swimmingly well. The land trust now owns those two pieces on Beech and Poms. And I know they're looking forward to getting in there and doing some work, trailer work and so forth.

Seymour, Squantuck Road, we attended the five-member authority meeting about the application. The five members approved and it was forwarded to the RVB. We just talked about its completeness tonight. Milford and Guilford, we had representative for the Guilford Sportsmen Association, approached us about some class three acres that are next to their property, their clubhouse, and I spoke to them.

Just to let you know, this would be a complicated matter because it's in two different towns, so we would be required to have public hearings in two different towns for this. That's part of our rules. And so, I said it's not on the radar yet. I still have, the next thing that I hope that you'll see is the Skiff Street house.

We're still moving along on that. And that's the next item on the summary here. We have a consultant that submitted a reset division application to planning and zoning. The public hearing was scheduled for yesterday, however, we had to table it because the deputy CEO had some questions about our application. So that, we're going to have to get a couple variances, it looks like. The consultant is working on that now. And then we hope to go back to planning and zoning for a public hearing probably in January.

For re-update the only new thing is what's in bold, that the Menunketuk High-Grade Rehabilitation Cut and that has progressed to 45% complete. Josh and Casey inventory about 300 acres in Prospect and Branford for future timber sales. They gave a tour of the North Branford, sorry, the Nathan's Pond slash Guildford staff and volunteers of the American Chestnut Foundation and let her walk at Nathan's Pond and nearby research plots for scouts as part of their environmental education program and nest-box construction grant. And he inspected the timber sale at Menunketuk on a weekly basis. Also checked the [inaudible 00:29:27] crossing sediment base along the main access road to make sure there are no problems.

The recreation, Nicole led an oak identification walk out at Saltonstall, had 21 people, which was very well received. We cleared trails at the Maltby Lakes and Lake Saltonstall. The boats and docks were removed from Saltonstall as fishing season is now complete. Weeds and brush were also moved from the dock area while we had heavy equipment in that area.

About 1,800 walleye fingerling between six and eight inches long were stocked at Lake Saltonstall, lots were replaced at Lake Chamberlain in the Maltby Lakes after some customer complaints. Tours of the recreation areas for two new customer staff were held by Jeff Yale, and we updated the recreation pamphlet. This is the one we hand out to potential permittees. We can have that by craft general fairs and town fairs and that kind of thing.

And the Water Wagon attended four events in October, and it's now been put away for the year, so we don't do any more events after October. For the permit holders, we were at 4,889 compared to 4,846 last month. So, slight increase. Two special activity permits were issued by Linda in the last month. Nothing out of the ordinary there.

Other items, encroachments and agreements, we've been continuing talking to Hamden Hall about the athletic fields corresponding with Murtha about amending the lease to reflect the new amount, and as of this week we have reached an agreement and how we're going to do that. So, we just need all parties to sign, and I'll give it to Sunny for his signature, probably if not this week, then definitely next week.

Shingle Hill Tanks received a certificate of insurance from Yale's contractor and attended a team's meeting. Parties involved to discuss the [inaudible 00:31:12], how they get their stuff from West Haven's building up to the top of the tank.

At Allings Crossing Road, we received payment from UI. This is a license grant that they have from us to remove some power posts, power poles that are adjacent to the railroad. Prospect [inaudible 00:31:33], we checked the area by Randall's house, and an old post was broken so it's not functional anymore. Notice the dam within the stream with logs in an old wood box or wood duct box that was placed in the area. Definitely were not placed by our staff.

At 269 Forest Road in North Branford, we saw a letter from town staff to the owners of the property, which included a comment about an encroachment. We have checked this property in the last couple years, and the property owner has a license agreement with us from when we acquired the property next to it where he is allowed to keep equipment, machinery. It's a little open area. And as far as we can tell, he's been in compliance of our license agreement.

For invasive plants, in the last month, Josh treated and documented invasive plant populations in North Branford. He finished. And also Brent and Juliet finished treating stilt grass, mugwort and swallow-worts using the steam weeder at Lake Gaillard [inaudible 00:32:29] approximately 1.37 acres. And we prepared for the stilt grass study involving the steaming of seed heads to see if the steam will kill the seed as we're doing this operation to the plants themselves. So, in the last month there were just under an acre mapped and just under an acre treated.

The deer hunt scouting period came and went in October, and the hunt opened in October, on October 28th. Five deer had been harvested by the end of October. Regional Conservation Partnership, several of us hosted part of a field trip for 15 attendees, talking about our land conservation and the timber sales. That was done out in Prospect near Bob's house. The New Haven golf course, the Yale Golf Course drainage in New Haven, we received a signed MOU and filed that in [inaudible 00:33:20].

That was all with Steve Vitko's help. At Hellstrom Road we checked the slope behind houses for any movement of rocks. One of the neighbors said that they'd heard something in storm some time ago. I looked at it myself and didn't see any evidence of Earth movement. It was one or two trees that had come down but looked like they had been down for quite some time.

And Durham Road, Madison cell phone tower. We received a letter notifying us of plans from AT&T for installing new diesel generator and environmental planning. Let's talk to them about that.

Up in Downs Road. Cole Eastman, this is a property that we bought about an acre from the Eastman family and then took a conservation Eastman over the remainder of a portion of their lot on Downs Road. And we spoke to a potential buyer of their property and what can and cannot happen within the Eastman.

Over on Hosley Avenue in Branford, various staff participated in a cleanup along the road. Boundaries, we checked and remarked boundaries in Orange. Land use plan, we continue to work on maps for the next land use plan update. As I mentioned in previous meetings, that will really begin in earnest once we turn the calendar year of 2025.

The UI main water main easement in North Branford, we authorized Juliano surveyor to create a survey for the easement and contacted the North Branford town staff about an easement over their property because this involves three properties, two owned by UI, one owned by the town.

For drone flights, Josh flew drone missions in Prospect documenting the construction at the Prospect Reservoir and also did missions Ansonia and East Haven looking at the hatches on top of tanks.

Water main easement encroachments, I spoke to a GIS staff about the creation of the spreadsheet to track these encroachments found throughout GIS. Chris Maloon of our GIS department did a quick and dirty analysis of it, just looking at where the easements are, and then taking the building shapes and if there was any intersection, finding that and creating a spreadsheet.

There were hundreds of them. Some are very small. Most are very small, but others are more extensive. And we're going to go through that in the next time that he's in the office to start sort of looking at it more carefully. And this is only the building encroachments, doesn't include things like fences. So, there's a lot more out there to be looked at.

There's half a dozen attachments of news articles for you to read, including stuff about the drought that we are all starting to experience now. The water tank, which I know some of you dedication, which I know some of you attended, and also interesting development about farmland that was protected by the state. And then they allowed a house to be built within the agricultural land. So, interesting articles, I thought, for you to read.

Anyone? Any questions. Joe, yes?

Joe:

Yeah, the Madison Durham Road, cuts through 79, that's on the right on edge of the property of Madison and Killingworth? Where this power is being considered?

John:

No. Well, I was already there. This is on the former Ruddy property that we bought 15, 20 years ago. There was already a cell phone tower there and we then accepted to go over the lease for it. So, we get the money from the cell phone tower. It's already existent.

What they don't have there is an emergency generator to power it if they lose commercial power. So, they're going to put in a new generator, and they're going to use diesel to power it. Our comments back to them is, can you use propane or natural gas? That way it's less threatening to the public water supply.

However, diesel generators provide more power. So, I know that Ron talked to somebody there, but I don't know if there was any decision on which way they were going to go. Certainly, whatever they do, they were going to build a path, because it's [inaudible 00:37:35] property, we need to get a permit from the Department of Public Health, [inaudible 00:37:39] use permit to allow that.

They just give us the plans. We then package it, application sent to Hartford. They say, "Okay," and then we say it's okay for them to move forward. We have diesel generators on our property, including the watersheds, so it's not unheard of. But we're going to ask them if they can do a gaseous fuel rather than a liquid fuel.

Joe:

So, this Ruddy property is... Is a barn there?

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John:

There used to be a garage. We took down the garage after we bought it, but we did not buy the house. The house remained. We cut out the house when we bought the property. It's on the west side of Route 79. You'll see. I mean, you can see the cell phone tower from the road.

Joe:

The other property that you had spoken about here, whereabouts in Madison is that located?

John:

Oh, you mean the one that we talked to?

Joe:

Yeah.

John:

We don't disclose the details there, just to let you know that we're working on the projects.

Joe:

Okay.

John:

When it's in negotiation, we try to keep it under the vest. When it gets closer and we have a signed purchase sale agreement, we will definitely tell you.

Joe:

Is that to Guilford Sportsmen?

John:

No, that's a disposition. That's a different map. So, that I can tell you about, no problem. They're looking for land acres that are next to the current property that they own.

Joe:

What do they do?

John:

They're a fish and gun club. So, they do... I mean, I don't know what their list of activities are, but they have a lot of deer hunting on their property. I'm guessing they have shooting range. I don't know all the width and breadth of what their activities are.

Joe:

You want that near our properties?

John:

Well, it already occurs next to our properties. The question is do we sell them the class three acreage? To the representative from the Sportsmen Association, I've said we're going to have complications. Number one is that in order to carve it out, which we can, we would have to have public hearings in the two different towns.

So, the question would be to the five members and yourself, if we get to that point, are we going to have the two public hearings in the same month? Are we going to have one in September and then one in October and then come back in November? How would it all play out?

And then of course, the other point is that the towns and state have rights of first refusal so that if the town of Guilford wanted to acquire that acreage, now they can intercede. And if they did, then the question would become how did they get there? Because we would have to then deal over some access rights today.

If it's to the Guilford Sportsmen, we don't have to give them access rights. They're already a budding property owner. So, they should be able to get to it from their existing land. So, it gets squirrely when you get into the details. And that's why I said, "I don't want to deal with it right now because I want to get Skiff Street going, and I want to complete the Squantuck Road disposition as well."

When we get into these other class three lands that we can look at for disposition, that's going to be a lower hanging fruit because we know that we have an interested party who's in [inaudible 00:41:08]. Did that answer your question?

Joe:

Yeah, it does. Yeah. And then Hosley Avenue, did they clean up there?

John:

Yeah.

Joe:

Now is that our responsibility or the town of Branford?

John:

It's usually, most things that are dumped there within the public right of way. And we talk to DPW Branford, and they come and get it. We do this as a public relations event effort to clean up the watershed and get some publicity from what Kevin Watsey puts out. So, we pulled out quite a bunch of stuff there.

Joe:

Going to our pizza place?

John:

Yes.

Joe:

Saw a lot of stuff there.

John:

Right. Well, some of the bigger stuff was pulled closer to the rope so that then our crews or the DPW crews can get it out, because sometimes they throw it deep. Other times it's right along the street. Any time where it's a remote street and there's no neighbors, there's no eyeballs, just people going by, that's where we find dumping issues. And Hosley is the definition of that kind of street.

Joe:

And the deer that had been killed, what properties was it?

John:

I think, no, there was at least one that was taken up in Prospect. I believe all the others were in North Branford. But when we get to December, I will give you more, all the details, and I'll have them. I just wrote down that it was five. I know in Nicole's monthly report, which I condensed here, I only put the total number. I didn't put the locations.

But everything started out well for this deer hunt. I believe we have less than normal effort out there because of the hot weather. Most deer hunters, they don't want to go out and try to harvest deer when it's 78 degrees, because if you hit something, now you've got to find it. You've got to drag it out. It's already hot, and the meat is going to spoil faster than if you do it on a day where it's 32 degrees.

Joe:

Nobody fell out of the tree yet.

John:

Nobody fell out of the tree this year.

Joe:

Amen. Hallelujah.

Mark:

What were you going to say, Jamie?

Jamie:

I was going to say, I think the deer are hiding in our yard. I've had like six hanging out in my yard all day today. So, I think they knew where people were shooting and headed to Killingworth to hide.

Mark:

They ran to Killingworth from Branford. Okay. Anything else, John?

John:

No, that's all I have. Unless there are any other questions, I'm happy to answer.

Mark:



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Thank you very much. And our set the calendar, everybody see our dates for next year?

Bob:

Yep.

Mark:

Where is that? You going to put that up, Jennifer? Another excellent report, John, thank you very much.

John:

You're welcome.

Mark:

Okay, so you see all the dates? Those are the dates and the times. We only have one 4:30 meeting, two 4:30 meetings. September and October. Of [inaudible 00:44:41].

Jennifer:

In May.

Joe:

Three 4:30.

Mark:

Three in May too. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Okay. And that's the proposed meeting dates. And now we're going on to...

John:

Oh, so there is one that has been moved for a holiday?

Bob:

Yes.

John:

Okay.

Bob:

October.

John:

Yep.

Mark:

It's the October one? Okay.

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John:

October 1st?

Mark:

Next is the way of, volunteers, we have for November 21st, that's this Thursday. No, next Thursday, excuse me. John Oslander, Greg Malloy and Peter Betkoski for January 23rd. Is there any problems with those? Does anybody need to be replaced? Okay.

Bob:

Not yet.

Joe:

Not yet.

Mark:

And Sunny and I talk about what our topic will be for the next meeting. I guess we're going to meet indoors for the next few times. At one time, if Bob Harvey can remember this, the Land Use Committee used to in the wintertime moved to Saturdays, mornings. I have no objection to that. We would go out in the woods and Saturday mornings, which was very good. But I'm sure that nobody else wants to do that, right, Bob?

Bob:

And I remember a van getting stuck in the snow.

Mark:

Yeah. And we all had to sit in the back.

Bob:

John, can I ask a question?

John:

Sure.

Bob:

Yes. I'd like to pose a question to John.

John:

Yep.

Bob:

I know we're meeting here during the winter months and tonight I heard in your report the mention of the vault twice.

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John:

Yes.

Bob:

I'm wondering if we aren't going to meet here, could we go look at the vault?

John:

Sure. You want that to be next month's special [inaudible 00:46:35], I guess?

Bob:

[inaudible 00:46:36]

Mark:

I didn't hear you. What did you say?

Bob:

I'm sorry, but I'm intrigued, because John has the opportunity with his job to look through the records of the water company that go back who knows how long? And I'm not sure if it might be nice for some of us who might like some history items to see this vault.

Joe:

This isn't Al Capone's vault, is it?

Bob:

I don't know.

John:

It's got real stuff in it. Although [inaudible 00:47:03] the door like that.

Mark:

Oh, I got you. Okay, cool. That sounds cool. Yeah.

John:

We do that for the next month's topic.

Mark:

If that's okay with Sunny.

John:

If it's hybrid, I can do a PowerPoint thing so that anyone's at home, they can get it, and then we could go up if anyone wanted to actually see it in person.

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Bob:

Who here has seen the vault?

Mark:

Hey, Bob, that's why you're the chairman. An excellent idea. Is that okay with you, Sunny?

John:

Of course. Sure. I want to bring up a point about that October meeting. We're going to have problems if it's on October 1st because the monthly report is not going to be even finished by then, let alone the summary for the letter.

Brian:

So, should we change that or do you want to change that? Where's that meeting again?

Jennifer:

We're going to move it later? Rather than earlier date? That's a Jewish holiday. That's why I put that.

Bob:

October 15th is a conflict with the Executive Committee.

John:

Could it go to a Tuesday or a Thursday or something else?

Jennifer:

Yes.

Mark:

Can we work on that, Jennifer, and see if we can do something there?

Jennifer:

We could just leave it and do a special meeting if you want.

Mark:

Okay.

Jennifer:

When it gets closer, it just won't be a regular meeting.

Mark:

Okay. Whatever you think is best. Okay.

Jennifer:

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Hang on, Mark. So, at a special meeting you can't add anything to the agenda. You can skip over items if you want, but you can't add anything at the meeting.

You could decide that date next year. I just have to submit this schedule by December.

John:

Yes. Oh, Brian brings up a better thing. That's the pizza. That's usually the pizza meeting.

Mark:

Oh, that gives you the pizza meeting. That's right.

John:

Brian is the Hall of Famer for this meeting here. [inaudible 00:49:14]

Jennifer:

Do you want to do the end of the month? Because the colors should be good.

John:

Totally.

Mark:

Yeah. Yeah, I'd like to do the end of the month. Sounds lovely.

John:

As long as the meeting, the LUC meeting is not the 1st, because nothing is going to be ready to report on by October 1st.

Jennifer:

October 22<sup>nd</sup>?

Bob:

It looks to be the 20th or the 22nd. [inaudible 00:49:37]

Jennifer:

22<sup>nd</sup>? Yes.

Bob:

That's the day before the RPB. But it would still keep it on a Wednesday. It wouldn't conflict with anything. Some of us will have-

Mark:

Maybe the RPB should meet up and solve the stuff.

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John:

They're invited.

Mark:

Okay.

Jennifer:

Okay. So, we'll do it the 22nd?

Mark:

[inaudible 00:49:59], John.

Jamie:

The 22nd or the 21st?

Bob:

The 22nd.

John:

The 22nd is Wednesday?

Bob:

Yes, I believe so. Just a recommendation.

Jennifer:

I'll put that date for now, and then we could change it if necessary.

John:

Thank you.

Mark:

Okay. I want to thank Jamie for doing great work on that project that I gave her to do. I appreciate the work on there. And a great report on the progress that were making on the lead pipes. So, can I entertain a motion to adjourn?

Brian:

So moved.

Joe:

Second.

Mark:

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All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Mark:

Any opposed? Okay, everyone take it easy. Bob. If you need me, call me.