

WATER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2008
Durham Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Call to order: by First Selectman Laura Francis at 7:05 pm

Present: John Hogarth, Patricia Crowley, Bill Milardo and First Selectman Laura Francis

Absent: Ray Bahr, Dr. Brad Wilkinson, Robert Dynia, Selectman James McLaughlin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by P. Crowley, 2nd by J. Hogarth. All ayes: motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for the April 23, 2008 meeting were not available for review.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

The implementation of a special assessment was discussed. Review of C.G.S. Sec.7-239 was conducted. Motion to proceed with the scheduling of a Town Meeting sometime after June 30, 2008 for approval of a special assessment to be used for repayment of debt carried by the Durham Public Water System made by L. Francis, 2nd by J. Hogarth. All ayes: motion carried.

UPDATE ON CT WATER COMPANY AGREEMENT

Al Braig of the CT Water Company is working on a new contract that will incorporate some laboratory cost savings. A special meeting may be scheduled for approval of the contract. There was discussion concerning alignment of the contract with the Town's fiscal year.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

L. Francis informed the Commission of discussions that she had with Weston and Sampson and Al Braig concerning disputed expenses.

WATER COMPANY FINANCIALS

P. Crowley explained how the proposed special assessment will cover operating and system enhancement expenses. Discussion regarding unpaid water bills, collections, use of utility liens, "in-house billing" and setting up of a credit card bill payment system followed.

BILL APPROVALS

Motion to pay \$939.00 on the invoice dated 4/24/08 from CT Water Company, 2nd by J. Hogarth. All ayes: motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion concerning non-termination of water service if customer is ill and physician provides written confirmation.

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OLD BUSINESS

L. Francis provided an update to the status of the Water Diversion Exemption Bill. The bill was passed with a compromise during the legislative short session. The exemption is limited to 10 years.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm by B. Milardo, 2nd by J. Hogarth. All ayes: motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by B. Milardo