

WATER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 17, 2008
Durham Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to order: by Chairman Ray Bahr at 7:08 pm

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on June 19, 2008 and June 25, 2008 by P. Crowley, 2nd by J. Hogarth. All ayes: motion carried.

CT WATER COMPANY AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

Discussed the proposed contract submitted by the New England Services Company (NESC). Generally, lower water testing costs and much higher routine costs were associated with NESC's proposal compared to CT Water Company's proposal. Motion to approve the contract with CT Water Company and to authorize First Selectman Francis to sign the contract by P. Crowley, 2nd by R. Bahr. A brief discussion ensued; members commented on CT Water Company's commitment to the operation of our water systems. Vote: all ayes; motion carried.

WATER COMPANY FINANCIALS

P. Crowley presented a comparison of two projected budget proposals for 2008-2009 and discussed a special assessment to cover the projected deficit contained in each proposal. A Town Meeting concerning the special assessment needs to be scheduled later this summer. L. Francis explained that a factual, honest and upfront presentation must be made to the customers. The Town's loan to the Durham Water Company will be paid off in March 2009. R. Bahr commented on how large a rate increase would be necessary to avoid levying of a special assessment. Motion to institute Proposal #2 by P. Crowley, 2nd by L. Francis. Discussion ensued followed by the vote. All ayes: motion carried.

Members reviewed a schedule of charges that cover specific actions of the Durham Water Company or its contract operator. Motion to approve the "Schedule of Special Charges" by P. Crowley, 2nd by L. Francis. A very short discussion concerning the mark-ups was followed by the vote. All ayes: motion carried.

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BILL APPROVALS

The CT Water Company's bill dated June 30, 2008 was reviewed. Motion to pay the June 30, 2008 bill by L. Francis, 2nd by R. Bahr. All ayes: motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

L. Francis commented on three items: (1) shut-off charges incurred by tenants of 16 Main Street, (2) a sanitary survey is scheduled by the CT Department of Public Health, (3) an outstanding account is being brought up to date.

An update to the cost of replacement of some of the services on Main Street to be covered by a State grant was provided. The impact that new development and/or future water connections would have on the Durham Water System was discussed. A Town Meeting regarding the special assessment will be scheduled for August or September 2008.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm by R. Bahr, 2nd by L. Francis. All ayes: motion carried.