

WATER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 18, 2008
Durham Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Call to order: by Selectman James McLaughlin at 7:08 pm

Present: John Hogarth, Patricia Crowley, Robert Dynia, and Bill Milardo

Absent: Chairman Ray Bahr, First Selectman Laura Francis, and Dr. Brad Wilkinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 21, 2008 by J. Hogarth, 2nd by P. Crowley. All ayes: motion carried.

WATER COMPANY FINANCIALS

The financial status is unchanged; a deficit exists. Reference was made tabling of the proposed supplemental rate increase at the Town Meeting held on September 10, 2008.

BOUNCED CHECK FEE DISCUSSION

CT Water Company charges customers of its water system \$30.00 for a bounced check. The Durham Water Company charges \$25.00. Discussion regarding increasing the fee ensued. Motion to keep the bounced check fee at \$25.00 by P. Crowley, 2nd by R. Dynia. All ayes: motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION FEE FOR NEW SERVICES

An application fee of \$250 to \$300 for new service will cover the cost of review, layout and specifications by Durham Water Company's certified operator. Motion to establish a \$ 300 application fee to be charged to potential new customers by P. Crowley, 2nd by B. Milardo. All ayes: motion carried.

BILL APPROVALS

Motion to pay bills that have invoice #s RM252, 3657578, 3692463, 3697660 and unpaid portions of bills that have invoice #s 2801922, 3170913, 3320097, 3525799 by R. Dynia, 2nd by J. Hogarth. All ayes: motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding a fee to be charged for the turn-on of water service for new customers. Motion to change a \$100 turn-on fee for new customers and/or transfer customers when meter reading is involved by J. Hogarth 2nd by B. Milardo. All ayes

Chairman Ray Bahr arrived at 7:50 pm.

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2. Discussion regarding service calls. The number of call-outs by customers is small. CT Water Company has inspected a couple of meters and assessed the customers' property to determine reasons for high water consumption. A charge can be levied on a customer if the meter is accurate and the customer's plumbing is at fault. The commission felt that a charge is not warranted at this time, but the situation can be reassessed in the future.

3. Discussion concerning the Connecticut Department of Public Health's requirement that a cross connection survey be conducted on the Durham Fairgrounds prior to the opening of this year's Fair. Discussion concerning an emergency water contingency plan for the Durham Center Water System during the Durham Fair.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:32 pm by R. Dynia, 2nd by B. Milardo. All ayes: motion carried.