

WATER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Durham Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Call to order: by Chairman Ray Bahr at 7:10 pm

Present: First Selectman Laura Francis, Selectman Jim McLaughlin, Patricia Crowley, Marilyn Keurajian and Bill Milardo

Absent: John Hogarth and Dr. Brad Wilkinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 19, 2009 by L. Francis, 2nd by P. Crowley. All ayes: motion carried.

BILL APPROVALS

Motion by R. Bahr to authorize payment of CT Water's invoice # 3935060, 2nd by B. Milardo. All ayes: motion carried. Discussion ensued concerning a bill for new service installations on Main Street; the bill will be forwarded to Alliance Energy. Any required turn-offs will be conducted by CT Water Company on the weekly routine service day. Discussion regarding the taking of escrows for new accounts based on a trend of non payment of bills by tenants of commercial properties. Also, discussed changing of a note on the customers' bills re: meter check call-outs.

WATER COMPANY FINANCIALS

Revenue is ahead of expenditures. Non-routine repairs are running below anticipated. Discussion regarding the need for rate increase versus special assessment and certified operators 4% increase.

OLD BUSINESS

L. Francis provided copies of three cities' water restriction ordinances for review. L. Francis discussed the costs outlined in Fuss and O'Neill's draft of the feasibility of making a connection to Middletown's water supply. The following discussions were held:

1. The validity of Middletown's supply estimates, assumption of approval of spider well along CT River, and mutual aid with Middletown's other neighboring communities.
2. The availability of funding for the connection to Middletown's water system.
3. Cost of the review of the proposed agreement to transfer assets to the CT Water Company.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Milardo reported that CT Water Co. will provide cost estimates for the repair of 2 meters that were removed from the "Ackerman Building" on Main Street. The meters had frozen this past winter. Discussion concerning the billing of the new customers at 13 and 21 Main Street.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm by Chairman Bahr, 2nd by B. Milardo. All ayes, motion carried.