

Edward Farrar Utility District  
June 9, 2021  
Minutes  
Hybrid meeting held in person and by Zoom

Present in Steele Community Room: Commissioners: P.H. Flanders, L. Sayah, N. Sherman;  
Staff, W. Shepeluk, B. Woodruff, K. Petrovic  
Present by Zoom: Commissioners: B. Finucane, C. Parks; Public: D. Sweet & T. Sweet, Hunger  
Mountain Forestry

Chairperson Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

**Public:** No comments

**Approve the agenda:** P. Flanders asked if the other Commissioners have had time to review the Conflict of Interest and Rules of Procedure sent by C. Lawrence, it was agreed to add this item to the agenda as part of elections of officers. B. Finucane asked to make time at the end of the agenda, when potential water projects are discussed, to update the board on the conversation with D. Salvas regarding Oakwood Estates. **N. Sherman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. L. Sayah seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Results and Minutes of Meeting of Informational Meeting of May 4 and EFUD Annual Meeting:** L. Sayah made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2021 and the minutes of May 4, 2021 Informational Meeting. N. Sherman seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Conflict of Interest & Rules of Procedure:** N. Sherman made a motion to accept the Conflict of Interest and the Rules of Procedure. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair of EFUD Board of Utility Commissioners:** R. Finucane nominated P. Flanders as Chair of the Edward Farrar Utility District. N. Sherman seconded the nomination; a vote was held and passed unanimously. R. Finucane nominated N. Sherman for vice chair of the District, Sherman declined the nomination. N. Sherman nominated R. Finucane as vice-chair. L. Sayah seconded the nomination; a vote was held and passed unanimously. N. Sherman nominated C. Lawrence as Clerk and Treasurer of the Edward Farrar Utility District. L. Sayah seconded the nomination; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Report and discussion on Recreational Activities and trail inventory in the Barnes Hill Watershed; Hunger Mountain Forestry:** D. Sweet has performed an inventory of the trails in the Waterworks property of Barnes Hill. In his estimation back in 2018/2019 the trail system was 6-7 miles with a current estimate in 2021 of roughly 10 ½ miles of trails. He estimates 200-300 people using the area per week with activities such as biking, hiking, skiing, running and horseback riding. T. Sweet felt there is a great risk of users moving to Barnes Hill at times when Perry Hill trails are closed – he encouraged the Commissioners to take action so someone has the

authority to close the Barnes Hill trails when conditions for use are not good. D. Sweet will take care of the outreach to the two local clubs to begin management discussions.

**Request from Schenectady Wintersports Club Re: bed configuration: C. Parks made a motion to leave Schenectady Wintersports Club allocation as is. R. Finucane seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Discussion on EFUD property not used in connection with Water and sewer System: P. Flanders proposed a process and schedule to consider the transfer of EFUD property not utilized for the Water or Sewer System to the Town of Waterbury. By consensus the Commissioners agree to pursue the process.**

**Discussion on fees for meters etc: W. Shepeluk explained the process of customers obtaining an allocation and meter and the cost of EFUD to provide meters. R. Finucane made a motion effective immediately the charge for a meter will now be EFUD cost plus 25%. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Update on design, permitting and funding options for three potential water projects / Salvas:**

B. Woodruff gave the Commissioners an update on the three projects:

- a. Route 100 Howard Ave S / East Wind Drive  
Stantec Survey is complete. Next step is to meet with VTran to see if they will allow blasting or drilling in the area near Howard Ave
- b. Blush Hill Reservoir / Ashford Lane  
Designed by Grenier Engineering. Design work is completed. Working towards the permit with the State. No known road blocks
- c. Oakwood Increased Pressure Zone  
R. Finucane updated the Commissioner regarding the meeting held with D. Salvas owner of Kimberly Lane water lines. D. Salvas seems receptive to allow EFUD to take over ownership of the lines and requests a discount on his water/sewer invoices in lieu of any bulk payment.

**Update on repair schedule at the Ice Center: P. Flanders shared an email from Jonathan Siegel with an update on the Ice Center progress to replace the cooling tower. Estimates are in the \$100,000 range**

**Consider authorizing short-term, inter-municipal borrowing and lending: W. Shepeluk explained that the Town was in good financial shape for a much longer period this year than years past but borrowing will be necessary soon. W. Shepeluk recommends a borrowing/lending agreement between the two municipalities at a rate of 1.55%. N. Sherman made a motion to approve Intermunicipal borrowing and lending as needed at a rate of 1.55% for current expense borrowing. L. Sayah seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Department Reports:** B. Woodruff updated the Commissioners on the two proposed breweries possibility opening business in Waterbury. At this time neither will require pre treatment for wastewater.

**Adjourn:** N. Sherman made a motion to adjourn at 6:52pm. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District is scheduled for Wednesday July 14, 2021 @ 4:30