

Edward Farrar Utility District
July 14, 2021
Minutes
Hybrid meeting held in person and by Zoom

Present in Steele Community Room: Commissioners: P.H. Flanders, L. Sayah, N. Sherman, R. Finucane, C. Parks; Staff, W. Shepeluk, B. Woodruff, K. Petrovic
Public: J. Siegel, M. Thompson, M. Pomilio
Present by Zoom: G. Andersen

Chairperson Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public: No comments

Approve the agenda: Commissioners received an email from A. Lewis Waterbury Rotary regarding tree trimming at Rusty Parker Park. Discussion to be added to the end of the agenda. **C. parks moved to approve the amended agenda. R. Finucane seconded; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Meeting and introduction of new RW Development Director Mark Pomilio; Briefing on letter of support for MTX: M. Pomilio introduced himself to the Commissions and answered questions about his background. W. Shepeluk and M. Pomilio briefed the Commissioners of the interest shown from MTX, a technology company looking to open an office in New England and considering Waterbury. **R. Finucane made a motion to agree to support the VEGI Grant for MTX and authorize P. Flanders to sign the letter of support. L. Sayah seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Update on repair schedule at Ice Center: J. Siegel and M. Thompson were in attendance to update the Commissioners on the schedule of replacement of the cooling tower at the Ice Center. At present the Ice Center is scheduling the replacement in April 2022. They stated various reasons for choosing April for this work to be performed. The new cooling tower is not scheduled to be shipped until August 31st. There is fear if they schedule work to be performed immediately upon arrive of the tower and any delay occurs to this ship date work would have to be postponed further. The rink has ice time already reserved for the fall (large tournament the first weekend of September) and throughout the winter. With financial strains already due to COVID they do not want to cancel ice time and run the risk of losing possible return business for years to come. Scheduling the replacement of the cooking tower in April will ensure all the contractors are available and there are no unforeseen delays. P. Flanders was not satisfied with this schedule stating the water resource is being wasted when a known leak is not repaired as soon as possible. P. Flanders felt the Ice Center could be doing more to ensure the repair takes place as soon as possible even if it means lost revenue to them for cancelations. **C. Parks made a motion to table the discussion; R. Finucane seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Update on negotiations for Kimberly Lane water lines: W. Shepeluk presented the board with his calculations and logic of a proposal to D. Salvas to take over the water line infrastructure on

Kimberly Lane in order to expand the high pressure to Oakwood Estates. **N. Sherman moved to authorize W. Shepeluk, B. Woodruff and R. Finucane to present Salvas with an offer of 30% off base charge rates for a term of 10 years. R. Finucane seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Update on design and permitting for three potential water projects:

- a. Route 100 Howard Ave S / East Wind Drive
Survey work is completed. Talks with ECI regarding boring beneath Route 100
- b. Blush Hill Reservoir / Ashford Lane
Easements are being worked on. Meeting with the State to justify the reasons this project is necessary.
- c. Oakwood Increased Pressure Zone
Easements are being worked on. Negotiations with Salvas are ongoing.

Monthly Reports:

B. Woodruff stated masonry work at the Pump House at Rusty Parker is nearly completed. 10% payment has been withheld until the job is 100% done. The roof repairs are still pending.

Discussion draft MOU pertaining to EFUD property not used in connection with Water and Sewer system: Draft version of MOU presented to the Commissioners for consideration. P. Flanders compiled a list of the properties EFUD would consider in the agreement. **R. Finucane made a motion to present MOU to M. Frier, Chair of the Town Select Board, for consideration. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Update on Duxbury Moretown Fire District: P. Flanders spoke to J. Poitrus weeks ago about the next steps now that Poitrus has move out of the district. P. Flanders hopes to meet with Poitrus and perhaps Yalicki and Catchpaw to discuss DMFD merging with EFUD in more detail. P. Flanders will continue to pursue this conversation.

Trees trimming at Rusty Parker Park: A. Lewis has asked the Commissioners for permission to trim some cedar trees along the side of the Pump House in order to limit the appeal of individuals hiding in the space behind the trees. **R. Finucane made a motion to authorize the Rotary to trim the trees. N. Sherman seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Adjourn: **R. Finucane made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021 and adjourn the meeting. N. Sherman seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

The next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District is scheduled for Wednesday August 11, 2021 @ 4:30