

Edward Farrar Utility District  
December 8, 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; Staff, B. Woodruff, W. Shepeluk, K. Petrovic  
Present by Zoom: Commissioner C. Parks; Public: J. Siegel

Chairperson Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Approve the agenda: L. Sayah moved to approve the agenda as written. R. Finucane seconded; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Public:** No public comments

**Update and discussion on proposal to purchase water lines from Salvas:** R. Finucane presented the Board with his ideas regarding the possible proposal to D. Salvas. The proposal implies the creation of a tiered rate structure and base charge specific for the 6 building - 60 apartment complex located on Kimberly Lane creating a rate stabilization as requested by Salvas at the time the Commissioners last met with him. R. Finucane will speak to D. Salvas and return to the Commissioners with more information about the discussion.

**Update on new Water regulations and High Strength waste charges:** A. Tuscany is working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the proposed new water ordinance. A. Tuscany has met with a number of other municipalities regarding their policies on High Strength Waste. The current target date to begin the adoption of and public comments on the ordinance is January 2022

**Update on results of sampling of fats, oils and grease (FOG) and compliance with standards:**  
An email was sent to the owner of 1 South Main Street on November 22, 2021 regarding the samplings found in the manhole of that location. There has been no response yet. W. Shepeluk asked for additional time, until the 01/12/2022 meeting to reach out again before a letter of violation is drafted and sent.

The business located at 23 South Main Street has made great progress to correct deficiencies found there pre COVID and has completed all but one of the requests made by wastewater staff; a FOG sampling point.

**Consider One Leak rule request from Joel & Michelle Baker: R. Finucane moved to approve a request from Joel & Michelle Baker; Over-time Management LLC to exercise the One Leak Rule at 33 Rolling Meadows in Waterbury. N. Sherman seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Update on discussions about repair of leak at Ice Center:** J. Siegel addressed the board regarding the long relationship EFUD (previously the Village of Waterbury and the Water & Sewer Commissioners) have had with the Ice Center. He would like to repair that relationship following difficult discussions of late. The Ice Center has made a recent adjustment to some of the equipment at the rink that seems to be having a positive impact on the cooling tower leak. There is hope this modification has lessened the leak enough to satisfy the Commissioners until April when a complete replacement is scheduled to take place. J. Hogan has not yet confirmed an appointment but there is

confidence they will. The Ice Center has guaranteed the compressors will be shut down no later than April 1st as requested. Once the rink is shut down for the cooling tower repair a promise was made that it will not reopen until the repair is completed.

The Ice Center will comply with the board's request to offer public skating but would like to wait until after the repair is completed next spring, Siegel did ask for consideration for the fine to be waived. The Commissioners have agreed to this term and are very happy to hear about the changes to the infrastructure at the rink that has slowed the cooling tower leak.

**Monthly Staff Reports:** B. Woodruff reported to the board on his water loss report in EFUD and DMFD#1

**Further thoughts and discussion from manager's presentation at Selectboard meeting:** W. Shepeluk spoke about his desire to work towards a merger of the Town and EFUD governments as outlined in his memo and the minutes of December 6, 2021.

**Status – UDAG Loans:** W. Shepeluk provided an update of activity of the UDAG fund. The Blue Stone and Waterbury Sports have each paid off their UDAG loans. There are 2 recent loans, VT Beer Shepherd and Perry Hill Partners that are making regular monthly payments and are subject to interest charges. Revitalizing Waterbury is making monthly payments towards the principal balance of their loan as interest has been waived until January 2022. W. Shepeluk would like the Commissioners to waive interest and payments for one more month, until February 2022 to allow him time to speak to all the borrowers and see what state their businesses are in as COVID has not "gone away" as hoped. Perhaps some of the loans need to be restructured. **R. Finucane made a motion to suspend principal and interest payment, keeping the interest rates at zero percent for the borrows that currently have suspended payments (not VT Beer Shepherd or Perry Hill Partners) until February 2022. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

**Discussion on process to transfer four parcels to the Town of Waterbury:** W. Shepeluk recommends to table any further discussion about the property transfer and see how the talk of a merger progresses.

**Minutes meetings of November 10th and December 6th, 2021:** L. Sayah made a motion to approve the amended minutes of November 10th and the minutes of December 6th as written. R. Finucane seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:** R. Finucane made a motion to adjourn; N. Sherman seconded; motion passed unanimously

The next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District is scheduled for Wednesday January 12, 2022 @ 4:30