

Edward Farrar Utility District
January 12, 2022
Minutes
Hybrid meeting held in person and by Zoom

Present in Steele Community Room: Commissioners: L. Sayah, N. Sherman, R. Finucane; Staff, B. Woodruff, W. Shepeluk, P. Krolczyk; A. Tuscany, K. Petrovic; Public R. Clapp
Present by Zoom: Commissioner C. Parks; Staff: Matt Jones

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

Approve the agenda: L. Sayah moved to approve the agenda with the removal of a discussion regarding the Salvas water lines. N. Sherman seconded; a vote was held and passed unanimously

Public: No public comments

Discussion of possible biking event on the trails in Water Works: B. Woodruff spoke to the Commissioners regarding an email he received from organizer Ross Lieblappen asking for permission to use the Barnes Hill property for an event this coming summer. While there is hesitation about organized events the Commissioners agreed to invite the organizer to speak at the next meeting before making a final decision. B. Woodruff will reach out to him to schedule this at the February 9, 2022 meeting.

Draft Sewer Dept Budget 2022: W. Shepeluk gave the Board an overview of staffing changes, billing collection and changes he made to some loan borrowing. P. Krolczyk & A. Tuscany were each present to discuss line items they would like included on the 2022 budget. **N. Sherman moved to have EFUD Manager W. Shepeluk include the \$320,000 estimate for a new drying bed on the next draft of the 2022 wastewater budget for consideration and allow staff to take action now to implement the process to permit and built the bed. L. Sayah seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.** The Commissioners also agreed to allow the engineering line item of \$13,000 for SLR Engineering study “Thatcher Brook Assessment”.

Department Reports: B. Woodruff has been asked to get the hydro on Guptil Road operational, he will continue to negotiate who’s ultimately responsible for the cost. High praise for the Water Department year end report.

Update on Ice Center response to NOAV: W. Shepeluk spoke to J. Siegel, the Ice Center will provide EFUD with an official written response for the record as soon as possible.

Update on testing in Sweet Road well field: B. Woodruff stated that Ken Biseglio from Weston & Sampson has retired and no one has come forward as his replacement. It was suggested to email Ken and his out of office response will provide the new contact persons information. All the field work for this project has been completed.

Update on potential enforcement of FOG standards: B. Woodruff and W. Shepeluk spoke to the owner of The Reservoir last week. It’s been discovered that the commercial dishwasher has been draining into the interceptor of the grease trap and potentially contributing to the FOG

issue. There were repairmen on site this week to correct the interior plumbing – will follow up on the success of that.

Consider Event Request for Rusty Parker Park: This item was moved up on the agenda to accommodate Mr. Clapp who was in attendance to speak. Lawson’s Finest Liquid’s submitted a Special Events Permit for consideration to hold a tasting event as part of Winterfest’s “Party at the Park” at Rusty Parker Park on Saturday February 5, 2022. Mr. Clapp provided the Commissioners with an overview of the day’s events which include: Fat Bike dealers, a silent auction, a concert at the bandstand, COVID testing clinic, WDEV live broadcast and Lawson’s beer tasting. There will also be events held in the horseshoe in the State Complex. **N. Sherman made a motion to approve holding Winterfest activities in Rusty Parker Park as described and to include Lawson’s Finest Liquid’s serving alcohol from 2-5pm on February 5, 2022 all subject to the Recreation Director’s scheduling requirements. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Update on Manager’s proposal ARPA funds and EFUD Merger with Town: At Monday’s Select Board meeting https://www.waterburyvt.com/fileadmin/files/Elected_Boards/Town_Select_Board/2022_Minutes/Minutes_20220110.pdf?3d769fcfc0504eef9f90c4de1149dbacf90ba47c there was discussion regarding the ARPA funds and merger. The current Select Board appears to be in favor of Bill’s recommendations regarding the disbursement of ARPA funds and talks of merger.

Update on UDAG Loans: **N. Sherman made a motion to continue offering zero interest and no principal or interest payments through June 30, 2022 for all existing UDAG customers with these terms (not Perry Hill Partners or The Beer Shepherd) L. Sayah seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Minutes meeting of December 8, 2021: **L. Sayah made a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2021 as written. C. Parks seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Adjourn: **C. Parks made a motion to adjourn. N. Sherman seconded; the motion passed unanimously.**

The next meeting of the Edward Farrar Utility District is scheduled for Wednesday February 9, 2022 @ 4:30pm