

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
of the
Edward Farrar Utility District
Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

Board of Commissioners: P. Howard Flanders, Chair; Robert Finucane, Cynthia Parks, Natalie Sherman and Lawrence Sayah

District Staff: Tom Leitz; Manager, Bill Woodruff PWD, Karen Petrovic, Clerk

Public: C. Lawrence, P. Sabin, G. Dillon, S. Dillon, R. Clapp, W. Shepeluk, T. Gloor, A. Johnson, K. Sweeney, D. Kehlmann, M. Alberghini, C. Flanders, K. Ryan, L. Scagliotti – Waterbury Roundabout

Flanders called the 5th Annual Edward Farrar Utility District meeting to order at 7:30pm

N. Sherman nominated Flanders as Moderator which was seconded by R. Finucane. A floor vote was held and passed unanimously.

S. Dillon moved to dispense with reading the warning; the motion was seconded and passed by floor vote.

Article 1: To act on the reports of the officers of the Edward Farrar Utility District

A. Johnson made a motion to accept the reports of the officers of the Edward Farrar Utility District. The motion was seconded by R. Clapp.

By consensus T. Leitz was permitted to speak at the meeting. T. Gloor asked about the relationship between Duxbury Moretown Fire District #1 (DMFD) and the Edward Farrar Utility District (EFUD). T. Leitz explained the relationship and the current status of the EFUD taking over the DMFD. The question of EFUD taking over the DMFD is in Legislation now and passed the House today.

T. Gloor asked if there are costs to any pending litigation. T. Leitz stated currently the EFUD is not in litigation for any reason.

T. Gloor read from W. Shepeluk's EFUD report and asked if everyone in the room is in favor of merging the two Municipalities. P. Flanders stated it is worth looking at in the future but it is not immediate.

The motion passed by voice vote.

P. Flanders publicly thanked C. Lawrence for her many years of service to the Edward Farrar Utility District and the Town of Waterbury. C. Lawrence was then presented with the 2023 Keith Wallace Award.



Article 2: To elect by Australian ballot the following officers: Two District Commissioners for a term of one year; and one District Commissioner for a term of three years.

With 42 votes cast by Australian ballot, the results of Article 2 are as follows:

For District Commissioner for a term of one year:

Lawrence Sayah 37

Natalie Sherman 35

Blanks 0

Write-Ins 0

For District Commissioner for a term of three years:

Robert Finucane 38

Blanks 0

Write-Ins 0

Article 3: To be voted on by Australian Ballot: Shall general obligation bonds of the Edward Farrar Utility District in an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of acquiring, replacing, and constructing municipal water system

improvements, namely replacement of the approximately 2,000 feet of water line that runs from the Blush Hill Water Reservoir towards Kennedy Drive?

Yes 39

No 3

Article 4: To set the compensation of the District officers for the ensuing year.

R. Clapp made a motion to set the compensation of the District Officers of the Edward Farrar Utility District for the ensuing year as follows:

Chair \$1,450

Commissioners \$1,200

Clerk/Treasurer \$1,200

The motion was seconded by S. Dillon. W. Shepeluk asked to speak and was granted permission by the voters. W. Shepeluk stated the words “ensuing year” may be inaccurate and should be changed to current budget year Jan 1 – Dec 31; R. Clapp asked to amend his motion “the Compensation be set as follows for the year Jan 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2023”. Seconded by S. Dillon. The amendment was voted on and passed by voice vote.

The question was called to set the compensation for the officers. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5: To see if the District will authorize the Commissioners to borrow a sum of money by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the water system.

R. Finucane made a motion that the District Commissioners be authorized to borrow up to \$200,000 by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the water system. The motion was seconded by G. Dillon.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 6: To see if the District will authorize the Commissioners to borrow a sum of money by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the wastewater system.

N. Sherman made a motion that the District Commissioners be authorized to borrow up to \$115,000 by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the wastewater system. The motion was seconded by R. Clapp.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 7: To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

P. Flanders shared the story of Edward Farrar and a plaque that was created in his honor to be mounted on his gravestone in Hope Cemetery in the coming months when weather permits.

C. Lawrence thanked the commissions for the dedication of the Annual Report as well as receiving the Keith Wallace Award.

R. Finucane moved to adjourn. Seconded by G. Dillon. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Petrovic, District Clerk

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

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