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### **Draft Minutes: Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioners Meeting**

July 24, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

Commissioners Attending In-Person: Skip Flanders, Bob Finucane, Rick Weston, and Cynthia Parks.

Commissioners Attending Remotely: Natalie Sherman

Town Staff: Tom Leitz, Bill Woodruff, Kenny Ryan

Public: Pegeen Mulhern

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

Approval of Agenda: Rick Weston made a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of meeting minutes of June 18, 2025. Bob Finucane seconded the amendment. All members voted in favor to approve the amended agenda.

Public Comment: Pegeen Mulhern, representing the Waterbury Land Initiative, spoke to the Commissioners about the parcel of land that has been placed into trust, formerly owned by William and Celia Russell. There is a private road, Blackberry Lane that goes through the land, and the abutters would like the Town of Waterbury to take over ownership of the land. The District is an abutter as the road leads to District's water reservoir, and Mrs. Mulhern requested the Commissioners consider supporting the effort. She noted all other abutters support the Town owning and maintaining the road. Bill Woodruff noted that, in all his years as Public Works Director, the town has not taken ownership of any additional roads, and modifying the road to meet town standards would be difficult. The Commissioners noted they would discuss the matter further at their regular meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Rick Weston requested the minutes of June 11<sup>th</sup> be amended to say "whom we would poll." He further requested that minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup> be amended to reflect that he attended the meeting via zoom. Rick made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, and Bob Finucane seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to approve the amended agenda.

Executive Session: Bob Finucane motioned that a specific finding of premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body, or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Rick Weston seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Bon Finucane made a motion to enter executive session for the purposes of discussion of Union Negotiations and the town managers contract. Rick Weston seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The Commissioners entered executive session at 4:55 pm with the District Manager and Public Works Director attending.

At 6:50 p.m. the Board exited executive session.

Grant McCracken joined the meeting at approximately 6:50.

Rick Weston made a motion for the District to send a letter to the Waterbury Conservation Committee discussing the Board's position on future partnerships. Bob Finucane seconded the motion, and all members approved.

Bob Finucane made a motion to approve the District Managers contract. Cynthia Parks seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Rick Weston made a motion to adjourn, Cynthia Parks seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Meeting wad adjourned at 6:55 pm