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

August 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Commissioners Attending In-Person: Skip Flanders, Rick Weston, Cynthia Parks, Bob Finucane, Natalie Sherman

Town Staff: Tom Leitz, Bill Woodruff

Public: Alyssa Johnson, Dan Potter, Jenny Gelber

Skip Flanders called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Natalie Sherman made a motion to amend the agenda and Bob Finucane seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes. Rick Weston made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2025 and July 24, 2025. Cynthia Parks seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Update on Reported Illegal Activities in the Watershed: Bill Woodruff presented pictures that showed some of the most recent trails being built, and noted several were adjacent to the District's surface sources. A discussion was held regarding the concerns raised by these new trails, and the trail network in general. Jenny Gelber identified herself as a Waterbury resident who was concerned about losing access to the trail network, and was interested in helping to ensure future public access. Dan Potter identified himself as the President of the Waterbury Area Trails Alliance and similarly offered to assist the Commissioners if possible. Commissioner Parks stressed the sanctity of our surface sources and a strong concern for the trail system.

The Commissioners directed the Manager to contact the Town of Stowe to ensure the existing trails did not require a zoning permit. The Commissioners also discussed scheduling future meetings with the social trails as the sole agenda item.

Union Negotiations. Rick Weston motioned that premature public knowledge would place the District at a substantial disadvantage. Natalie Sherman seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted in favor. Bob Finucane made a motion to enter executive session, and Natalie Sherman seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor.

The Commissioners made a motion to leave executive session at 8:22 pm. Bob Finucane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm, and Natalie Sherman seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.