

## Edward Farrar Utility District

Minutes of Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:30 pm special Meeting in the Waterbury Fire Station

43 South Main St, Waterbury VT

Attendance: P. Howard Flanders, Bob Finucane, Rick Weston, Cindy Parks, Toim Leitz, Kenny Ryan, Matt Jones, Grant McCracken, Tony Millus, and David Mears Facilitator, about 40 members of the public (see attendance sheet) additional 20 people signed in to participate on Zoom, ORCA staff present to broadcast meeting live and record meeting, Zoom version of meeting also recorded for future viewing, Ben Montross, Deputy Director VT DEC drinking Water and Ground Water Protection Program, Brad Roy Source Water Specialist, VT Rural Water Association

Chairman Skip Flanders called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

At the suggestion of Chairman Skip Flanders Rick Weston moved to add an item to the agenda on further discuss on the Rt 100 Cross Country Water Line following the close of the public session. Motion Seconded by Cindy Parks. Motion Passed.

The motion was then made by Rick to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Cindy Parkes. Motion passed.

At 6:30 pm Chairman Skip Flanders Welcomed the Attendees and introduced the EFUD Commissioners, The District Manager Tom Leitz, the Water System operators, Kenny Ryan and Grant McCracken, Wastewater Operators Matt Jones and Tony Millus. Chairman Skip then asked Commissioner Rick to introduced David Mears who will be the Facilitator for the evening meeting.

Facilitator Mears then explained the management of the questions and discussion following each of the presentations.

**History of EFUD Presentation** Following the instructions from Facilitator Mears Skip Flanders presented a power point presentation that explained the origins of the Edward Farrar Utility District (EFUD) the operating EFUD Charter, the purpose of the sessions tonight and the next session likely to be in February rather than January as originally proposed, the history of the construction of the Waterbury Village Water System now EFUD Water System and the activities that are the cause for concern that the Commissioners felt the need for further discussion before making future Watershed Management Decisions.

Following the presentation Facilitator Mears directed questions from the audience and Zoom attendees to appropriate staff for response.

**Regulation of Public Water System** The next presenter, Ben Montross, Deputy Director of VT DEC Drinking Water and Ground Water Protection Program gave a power Point presentation

including the Safe Drinking Water Act, Public Water System Compliance, Watershed Protection, Source Protection Area, Multiple Barrier Approach to Water Quality Protection, and Major Water Quality Concerns.

Following the presentation Facilitator Mears facilitated the questions and discussion with the attendees and staff.

**Source Water Quality Protection** The next presenter Brad Roy, Source Water Specialist, Vermont Rural Water gave a power Point presentation on Watershed protection by surface water systems in Vermont, Causes of adverse impacts on water quality and protecting water quality.

Following the presentation Facilitator Mears directed questions from the audience and Zoom attendees to appropriate staff for response.

At the close of the presentations Facilitator Mears offered suggestions for future discussion for public input on the topic. The Commissioners reported on the topics to be presented in the next session and that it would likely be in February rather than January due to schedules.

. The Commissioners and Facilitator Mears thanked everyone for attending and their interest in the subject and that they may submit future questions if they arise. The meeting was recorded and will be available on the EFUD website for viewing. Comments from the audience were that the presentations were very informative and helpful in understanding the issues.

The Commissioners then took up the discussion on the proposed Rt 100 Cross Country lines. Chairman Skip indicated his concerns that before going to bid we should have an accounting of the expected cost compared to the available funding, the names and allocations required for the expected new connections, and all easements secured before going to bid. If additional funding is necessary, we should be prepared to advise new customers what the rates will be. Any costs for the extension should not be raised by increasing rates on existing customers. Chairman skip recommended that we not advertise for bid until we have the additional information on costs and the easements, and information and commitments from new customers. Following the discussion Bob Finucane moved to advertise the bids on Jan 3, 2026, Seconded by Cindy Parks. The vote was held and Commissioners Rick, Bob and Cindy voting Yes and Chairman Skip Voting No. Motion passes.

The motion to adjourn the meeting made, seconded, and passed at 8:55 pm.

P. Howard Flanders

Temp Secretary.

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