

# EDWARD FARRAR UTILITY DISTRICT

## *Annual Report*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023



*Lawrence "Lefty" Sayah holding his granddaughter, Elizabeth.*

The 2023 Annual Report is dedicated to Lefty,  
a long time Trustee and Commissioner, in memory of  
his love of community and years of public service.

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE EDWARD FARRAR UTILITY DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 AT 7:30PM, STEELE COMMUNITY ROOM.**

Dedication 2023 EFUD Annual Report

**Lawrence “Lefty” Sayah**

1939 -2024

The 2023 Edward Farrar Utility District and the Waterbury Community lost a dedicated a faithful public servant on October 30, 2023 when Lawrence “Lefty” Sayah passed away suddenly. “Lefty” as he was affectionally known and loved by all, served his community continuously beginning as a Village Trustee in March 1996 and was a EFUD Commissioner at the time of his death. Lefty mastered the art of listening and speaking to the point when he spoke and earned the respect of all for his dedication and love of his community. Lefty was always willing to do his share whether it was preparing for a meeting, cooking breakfast for employees, cooking hot dogs for the Childrens Room on playing Winter Croque with fellow Trustees. Lefty will be remembered by the community for his faithful service and willingness to listen and respectful ways. Thank you, Lefty, for your service and friendship from all the EFUD Commissioners and staff.

# *Resolution of Sympathy*

- WHEREAS:** The community of Waterbury was deeply saddened by the death of Lawrence “Lefty” Sayah on Monday October 30, 2023; and
- WHEREAS:** Lefty, the Honorary Mayor of Randall Street has lived with his family at 18 Randall St since 1972; and
- WHEREAS:** Lefty has served 27 years faithfully and dutifully as an elected Public Official in service to his fellow Waterbury citizens for the betterment of community life; and
- WHEREAS:** Lefty’s example of public service included kindness, politeness, respect and honesty creating an oxymoron exemplifying an “**Honest Politician**”; and
- WHEREAS:** Lefty was presented with the 2017 Wallace Community Service Award by the citizens of Waterbury in recognition and appreciation for his service for the betterment of his community; and
- WHEREAS:** Lefty passed away preparing for his favorite holiday “**Halloween**” to show his love of community and it’s children, out of love and respect, a neighbor carved a memorial “**Lefty Pumpkin**” for display on Randall Street during Halloween 2023; and
- WHEREAS:** His passing is sorely felt, leaving a big hole in the heart of his family, his friends, his neighbors and the entire community of Waterbury.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Waterbury Select Board and the Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioners that we hereby express our sincere sympathy to his family: his son Jeff, daughter Julie and son in-law Frank, grandchildren Elizabeth and Sam, son in-law Tom and grandson Jacob.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the Town of Waterbury and Edward Farrar Utility District and copy of this Resolution be presented to his family as a token of our sympathy on his passing and share our respect and appreciation for Lefty’s service among us.

Dated the Sixth day of November 2023  
At Waterbury Vermont

Roger Clapp  
Chairman Selectboard



P. Howard “Skip” Flanders  
Chairman EFUD Utility District

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**WARNING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EDWARD FARRAR UTILITY DISTRICT**

**MAY 8, 2024**

The inhabitants of the Edward Farrar Utility District who are legal voters in the District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Steele Community Room at 28 North Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. in the evening to act on articles 1 through 6 listed below.

The legal voters of the Edward Farrar Utility District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

**ARTICLE 1:** To act on the reports of the officers of the Edward Farrar Utility District.

**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

**NOTE: THE POLLS FOR VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON ARTICLE 2 WILL BE OPEN FROM SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON TO SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE WATERBURY MUNICIPAL OFFICE, AT 28 NORTH MAIN STREET IN WATERBURY.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To set the compensation of the District officers for the ensuing year.

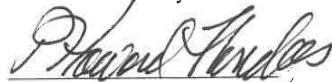
**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the District will authorize the Commissioners to borrow a sum of money by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the water system.

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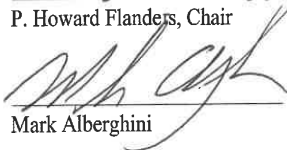
**ARTICLE 6:** To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Waterbury, Vermont the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of April, 2024.

Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioners



P. Howard Flanders, Chair



Mark Alberghini



Natalie J. Sherman



Robert Finucane



Cynthia Parks

Filed and recorded this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2024



Karen Petrovic, District Clerk

**EDWARD FARRAR UTILITY DISTRICT  
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

	<b>Term Length</b>	<b>Term expires</b>
P. Howard Flanders	3 years	2024
Natalie Sherman	1 year	2024
Mark Alberghini - Appointed	1 year	2024
Robert Finucane	3 years	2026
Cynthia Parks, P. E.	3 years	2025

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Tom Leitz	District Manager
Karen Petrovic	District Clerk and Treasurer

The Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioners meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 4:30pm at the Municipal Office and via Zoom.

For meeting agendas, minutes, and Municipal contact information, please visit the Municipal website at <https://www.waterburyvt.com/boards/utility>

## 2023 The Year of Challenges

### EFUD Commissioners Report

With the retirement of long time District Manager Bill Shepeluk on Dec 31, 2022 we began the new year under the direction of new Manager Tom Leitz on January 1, 2023. We are pleased to report the transition has gone smoothly under Tom's skilled guidance and EFUD will continue to provide safe and reliable services to customers in Waterbury, Duxbury and Moretown.

The year has resulted in a number of positive events contributing to the ability to continue providing safe reliable service to EFUD customers. The district also faced a number of challenges in providing that safe reliable service.

One of the most significant challenges occurred on October 30, 2023 when Lawrence "Lefty" Sayah passed away suddenly. Lefty grew up in Waterbury, graduated from Waterbury High School, raised his family here and served as a Village Trustee from 1996 until the Village was dissolved on June 30, 2018. Lefty became an original Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioner on July 1, 2018 serving until his death. Lefty was known for talking less and saying more and was skilled at talking with the public that he represented. The EFUD Commissioners and Waterbury Selectboard adopted a Resolution of Sympathy for his family on November 6, 2023. Lefty served always looking out for what was best for Waterbury. The Resolution of Sympathy was presented to his family and is printed on the inside of the back cover of this report.

The Commissioners are thankful that a former Village Water Commissioner, Mark Alberghini came forward and offered to complete Lefty's term. Thank you Mark for your service.

In 2023 the Waterbury community and EFUD faced challenges resulting from two floods. The first on July 10 and the second on December 18. The July flood was substantially higher and did more damage particularly to the sewer collection system than to the operation of the wastewater treatment system. The water system sustained minimal damage and continued to function in a reliable and safe manner. All the District staff excelled in assisting residents and monitoring and maintaining the operation of the two systems. The District and Town staff along with the Waterbury Fire Department were key in assuring everyone was safe and took efforts to minimize damage to infrastructure. EFUD is thankful for their service and dedication to their community.

In addition to the Commissioner's report we refer you to the District Manager Tom Leitz's excellent report on the activities of the Utility district during the year.

#### **Duxbury Moretown Fire District**

On request, the 2023 Legislature enacted legislation dissolving the Duxbury-Moretown Fire District #1. The Fire District was formed in 1995 to allow the customers of the Gallagher Water System in Duxbury and Moretown to form a Fire District to purchase water from the Village of Waterbury and apply for grants and loans to design and construct a water distribution system. The System was designed and built in 1995. The Village Water Department and later the EFUD entered a contract to maintain the system and perform the billing for the Duxbury-Moretown Fire District. The Fire District paid off their loans and bonds and were having

difficulty finding residents to serve on their governing board. In discussions with EFUD Commissioners it was agreed that EFUD would take ownership of the system if the Duxbury-Moretown Fire District was dissolved. The Duxbury Moretown Fire District has been dissolved and EFUD now owns the Duxbury Moretown water distribution system.

### **Route 100 Water Line Extension**

On March 8, 2024 the District Manager received notice from Senator Peter Welch's office that EFUD was approved to receive an EPA STAG Grant for \$2,240,000 for extension of the water line to the East Wind Mobile Home Park in Waterbury Center. The Commissioners have been working on options for the design of an extension from existing water transmission lines to serve the East Wind Mobile Home Park and other commercial development on Route 100 in the area of the Cabot Annex. The extension would replace the existing water source for the Mobile Home Park. The extension will also provide improved fire protection for the residential and commercial properties in the area with the installation of fire hydrants and the ability to deliver high rates of flow. The EFUD has also been awarded a grant of \$592,600 from the State of Vermont through the Community Recovery and Revitalization Program. The Commissioners are continuing to collaborate with Stantec Engineers to complete the final design and permitting of the project.

### **UDAG Revolving Loan Fund**

For information on the Urban Development Assistance Grant (UDAG) revolving Loan Fund please see the District Manager's Report (Page 13)

### **Utility District Services**

One of the challenges the Utility District is facing is the need to adjust the water and wastewater rates to increase revenues that will support their annual expenses. During the COVID pandemic the Commissioners reduced rates to provide some relief to businesses and residents. Following the close of the pandemic it was necessary to increase rates to stop operating losses and to rebuild the reserve funds.

In response to a few recent concerns expressed for the water and sewer rates the Commissioners want to share information about the services those rates pay for. The quarterly utility bill that you receive pays for all the costs of providing all the safe drinking water that each service user and for the cost of treating and disposing of all the wastewater each service user generates 24 hours a day. These services are critical to protecting the health and safety within our homes and the environment we live in.

In addition, the utility rates include the maintenance of the fire hydrants and pipelines for delivery of large quantities of water at high rates of flow for firefighting.

### **System Operators**

The Earl P. Towne Water Treatment Facility and the Peter Krolczyk Wastewater Treatment Facility operate under numerous state and federal regulations to ensure protection of both the users (you) of the services, the employees managing these systems and the environment we live in. The operators are trained in the handling of dangerous chemicals, to safely enter hazardous spaces such as man holes, trenches, and pump stations, and to do it in emergency conditions.



The operation begins with a highly trained staff led by our Public Works Director Bill Woodruff, a 35-year employee with Waterbury Public Works. Five highly trained and licensed operators of the Water Treatment facility and the Wastewater Treatment facility. These operators must attend regular training and complete testing to maintain their license in both the Water Treatment and the Wastewater treatment facility. There is a high demand for these highly trained skills and Waterbury is lucky to have a trained and dedicated staff to manage these facilities 24 hours per day. The current Wastewater operators are Chief operator Matt Jones and Assistant operator Anthony Millus and Water treatment operators Kenneth Ryan and Kyle Guyette along with Grant McCracken who assists all departments. In addition, there is District Manager Tom Leitz and office staff to provide administrative support.

### **Water and Wastewater Infrastructure**

For many years the Commissioners have followed a policy of maintaining the water and wastewater systems by replacing infrastructure before it becomes outdated resulting in unexpected failures causing interruptions of service. This approach both increases the reliability and safety of the systems it keeps the costs of emergency repairs to a minimum. It helps to ensure utility rates are kept as low as reasonably possibly while maintaining the systems in compliance with regulations. The result of this practice was evident in 2023 when the water system had only one substantial leak during the year. This leak occurred on Howard Avenue in Waterbury Center and resulted in very few customers having a loss of water for several hours.

### **Edward Farrar Utility District Water Supply and Distribution System**

The water system physical facilities can provide 500,000 gallons per day include:

- Two (2) surface water intakes
- Numerous springs sources
- Four (4) drilled wells one over 600 feet deep providing 350 gallons per minute
- A State-of-the-Art water filtration facility operating 24 hours per day with 800,000 gallons of water storage and chlorination equipment
- Sludge drying facility
- A separate 1.4-million-gallon water storage facility floating on the system providing constant pressure and flow even during power outages
- Six (6) miles of 12-inch water transmission line
- Six (6) miles of distribution line and over 200 valves
- 1,180 service connections and water meters in the towns of Waterbury, Moretown and Duxbury
- Over 150 Fire Hydrants located in Waterbury, Duxbury and Moretown
- Manage 500+ acres of property in the water shed and well field

The water system not only provides your drinking water and water for all bathing and washing but it is a key component in the fire protection system for all of Waterbury whether you are a water user or not. The water system provides the water for interior sprinkler systems when required by the Department of Fire Safety to protect buildings. The water system is required to provide pipe sizes and adequate water storage volumes to provide high rates of flow through fire hydrants for long periods to fight a fire. The water system is a key component of the rating system that determines the cost of your fire insurance. Thanks in part to these key components, coupled with the well-equipped and highly trained volunteer Fire Department, Waterbury enjoys the highest rating and thus lowest fire insurance cost.

In 2023 the budget to maintain the water system was \$2,191,819 with approximately 1,200 service connections. 800 in the former Village area, 136 in Duxbury Moretown and 125 that were customers the former Luce System.

### **Edward Farrar Wastewater Collection and Treatment System**

The Peter Krolczyk Wastewater Treatment Facility is one of the most advanced treatment systems removing phosphorus in the State to help protect Lake Champlain from eutrophication due to plant and algae growth. This patented CoMag Process reduce phosphorus from 8 mg/l in the wastewater to .08 mg/l leaving the facility discharging to the Winooski River.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility operated and maintained by the operators consists of:

- Three (3) treatment lagoons holding 12 million gallons total
- A main pumpstation 20 feet deep pumping with two pumps pumping 150 gallon per minute
- One (1) mile of 8-inch force main
- Three (3) sewage pumpstations
- Two (2) miles of wastewater collection lines
- Six (6) sludge drying beds
- 293 manholes

The 2023 budget to maintain the wastewater system was \$1,046,813 with approximately 800 service connections all in the former Village area

### **Water and Wastewater Rates**

The priority of the EFUD is to provide and operate safe reliable systems that protect the public health of Waterbury residents and visitors. To meet this goal, the Commissioners adjusted the user rates as necessary using reserve funds, borrowing, and/or delaying construction. The impact of the 2011 flooding seriously reduced utility revenues from the State Office Complex that was vacant. Eventually 10 buildings were removed permanently reducing the number of employees in the Complex.

In 2020 the pandemic further impacted EFUD revenues negatively as many State employees worked from home. The Commissioners recognized the greater impact of COVID to individuals and business and reduced a portion of all utility bills. During this time the Commissioners also instituted a grace period for payment of utility bills and reduced penalty and interest rates.

At a commissioner meeting in January 2024, on the recommendation of the District Manager water rates were raised 6.5% and wastewater rates were raised 10%. This annual revenue is to meet current expenses and avoid borrowing or reducing reserve funds that are used for emergencies.

Several people have expressed concerns with the cost of this increase. A single-family home using 75 gallons per day of water (900 cubic feet per quarter) would pay a utility bill for water and wastewater combined of \$167.31. Unlike electric and phone utilities which are monthly the District utility bill is for three months. If this bill is divided by 90 days it is an average of \$1.86 per day. This is the cost of 75 gallons per day of safe water, disposal of 75 gallons of water and maintenance of all fire hydrants, water lines and storage reservoirs to fight a fire if one should occur at your property.

The Commissioners are conscious of water and sewer rates in other Vermont communities. The same 75 gallons per day of water and wastewater would cost the following in these communities:

	Waterbury	Montpelier	Barry City	Middlebury
Water	49.97	67.96	71.57	68.00
	19.71	70.21	47.70	27.26
Sewer	62.44	67.96	54.39	40.00
	35.19	79.37	50.40	49.88
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Total	\$167.31	\$255.50	\$224.06	\$185.14

The recent utility rate increase added .17¢ per day to the cost per single family home using 75 gallons per day to maintain these critical functions, water, wastewater, and fire hydrant in a ready state 24 hours per day.

The Commissioners are planning an open house in the Steele Community Room to discuss the water and wastewater systems and their functions. We invite the public to meet and talk with the staff and operators that maintain the system, and to ask questions. You may also sign up for a tour of the facilities at a later date.

The Commissioners welcome your questions. The Commissioner’s meetings are the second Wednesday each month at 4:30 pm in the Steele Room and are available by Zoom. The Commissioners have agreed going forward they will provide notice in advance of rate increases through Front Porch forum, or Roundabout articles. Thank you from the Commissioners and we look forward to hearing from you.

Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioners

Skip Flanders, Bob Finucane, Cindy Parks, Natalie Sherman, and Mark Alberghini

## District Managers Report

### Staffing Overview

While 2022 was a year of transitions for EFUD staff, 2023 saw more stability and some major accomplishments.

During the fall of 2022 EFUD’s ranks were depleted, but those positions were filled by the end of 2022 and all EFUD staff thrived in 2023. Our desire was not only for staff to become fully licensed in their respective roles, but to eventually become cross licensed to ensure we have redundancy in both water and wastewater operations. To that end, the following chart illustrates what was accomplished in 2023, and what we are seeking to accomplish in 2024 and future years. Thus far Matthew Jones and Kenneth Ryan are fully cross-licensed.

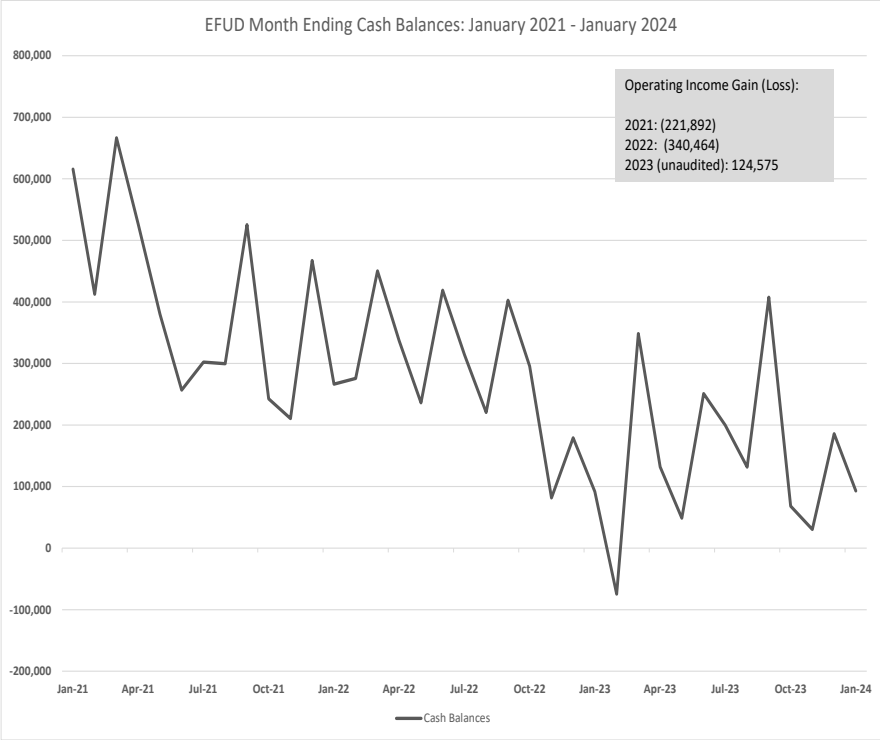
Name	Position	License Obtained in 2023	Previous Licenses Obtained
Kyle Guyette	Water Operator	IVc Water Operator	None
Kenneth Ryan	Water Operator	IVc Water Operator, Grade 2 Wastewater Operator	None
Grant McCracken	Water Operator	IVc Water Operator	None
Matthew Jones	Wastewater Operator	IVc Water Operator	Grade 2 Wastewater Operator
Anthony Millus	Wastewater Operator	Grade 2 Wastewater Operator	None

Grant McCracken was hired during 2023 in a part-time, temporary role. However, he has thrived and the team has been impressed by his work ethic. Grant was able to obtain the necessary IVc Water Operator license. We have decided to modify our plans due to the overall workload and Grant’s accomplishments, and in 2024 he was added as a full-time employee. Finally, Kia Nealy was hired as a Tax and Utility Billing Clerk in late 2023. Kia takes over duties from Diana Calle, who resigned from her position several months earlier. We all look forward to working with Kia over the ensuing years.

### Financial Challenges

In previous years the department had encountered some financial challenges. During those years immediately impacted by COVID-19 a planned rate increase was delayed, and a rate cut was enacted to provide customers with some relief. There was particular concern expressed for downtown businesses, and we can easily recall the concerns associated with restaurants in particular, which are larger customers and significant water users.

This well-intended relief was not without financial consequences for the District. As the chart on the following page indicates, 2021 and 2022 were challenging years for EFUD and both years featured large operating losses. For 2023 the unaudited figure shows a mild surplus from operations. However, 2023 was a challenge because overall cash balances had been reduced due to the losses in prior years.



Fortunately, in 2023 the budget to actual performance was generally balanced for both the water and sewer funds. This was only possible because of rate increases that were enacted, which ultimately impacted the final three quarters of the year. The increases were 15% for water and 17% for wastewater. While steep, these increases served to stem the tide of operating losses that had plagued the District for the last several years. Finally, EFUD was granted a one-time award of \$150,000 from the Town of Waterbury as reimbursement for rate reductions that occurred during those years impacted by COVID-19. As a result, the District ran a surplus for the year and our cash position stabilized, albeit at a lower level that bears monitoring.

**Blush Hill Water Main Replacement Project**

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, the date of EFUD’s annual meeting, the legal voters of the District authorized borrowing up to \$750,000 for a significant capital project. The project replaces the oldest section of ductile iron water main in EFUD’s service territory. The section begins at the water reservoir near the end of Blackberry Lane, and runs downhill towards the Best Western; the total length of the project was roughly 2,000 feet. Slightly over \$680,000 was spent on the project in 2023 and the work was substantially completed by year-end. The remainder of the project will be completed in the spring of 2024.

## **Route 100 Expansion Project**

The District has long been working towards an expansion project that would extend water from Guptil Road, near the Town highway garage, westward towards Route 100. The project would provide water service to the East Wind Mobile Home Park, which currently has 28 units, and several other residential customers. Once the water main reaches Route 100 there is substantial room for eventual expansion to serve an array of commercial customers.

In early 2023 the project was awarded a grant of \$592,600 from the State of Vermont through the Community Recovery and Revitalization Program. The District also sought Congressionally Directed funds from Senator Peter Welch, and was awarded \$2.24 million early 2024. The District will spend 2024 and future years advancing the project through engineering and construction.

## **Howard Avenue Repair**

The evening of April 10<sup>th</sup> our water operators received an alarm call that alerted them to a high effluent flow rate. The system was showing a water loss of 1,800 gallons per minute, which is the maximum reading the system can make. During the evening Bill Woodruff, Kyle Guyette, Kenneth Ryan and Matt Jones spent hours locating the leak. Former employee Brad Roy, who now works for the Vermont Rural Water Association, assisted with operating the treatment plant during this time. The leak was ultimately discovered by Bill Woodruff at 10 p.m. near the intersection of Howard Avenue and Route 100 in Waterbury Center. Because the leak was far from the road and adjacent to Bryant Brook it was hard to locate. The team was able to utilize shut off valves to isolate the leak, impacting 45 customers in the immediate vicinity. The picture at right shows the damaged section of 8-inch water main.



During this period the water treatment plant clear well had been reduced from a height of 14.73 feet to 4.4 feet: this represents a loss of 425,000 gallons of water. Kenneth Ryan staffed the plant overnight to ensure there were no further problems and to try to restore the clear well to its normal height, which is an important element of fire protection.

All staff were back at 5:30 a.m. on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and at 8:00 a.m. Kingsbury Construction was on site with an excavator. While the Town owns an excavator, it was not large enough to reach the damaged pipe. The repair was ultimately completed by 5:00 p.m., and the line was repressurized shortly thereafter. Boil water notices were issued to customers, and they were subsequently lifted on the 14<sup>th</sup> once lab test results came in negative for fecal coliform.



After the break was repaired the staff reported a 20,000 gallon per day reduction in usage, so a minor break had likely been in place for some time. Staff theorize that break was on the underside of the pipe, and water loss was not dramatic until a larger section of the pipe ruptured.

The picture to the left shows the repair made to the water main. Ultimately a 38-inch section of 8-inch ductile iron pipe was replaced, bound together by romac clamps.

While breaks happen in any water system, this was the only significant break that occurred in 2023. This break only served to underscore the need to complete the Blush Hill project.

The repair cost was approximately \$10,000 in fees for Kingsbury and materials, plus substantial staff overtime pay.

EFUD is very fortunate to have Bill Woodruff in charge of water and wastewater operations. His knowledge, experience and dedication are of huge value to EFUD. In challenging situations like this one he was invaluable.

### **July Flood**

On Sunday, July 10th a major rain event impacted a substantial portion of the East Coast. The District recorded 2.77 inches overnight from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. While that total is not significant enough to cause a major flooding event, there was substantially more rain in the watershed area upstream of Waterbury, which impacted the Mad and Dog Rivers, and ultimately the Winooski River. The entire region also received record rainfall for the previous month, further exacerbating matters as the ground was highly saturated before July 10<sup>th</sup>. The Winooski crested on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 426.22 feet, by far the highest crest since Hurricane Irene impacted the region.

Water operations were able to continue without interruption as the District did not suffer from any flood damaged infrastructure. There was a notable yet manageable increase in water usage for several days following the flood. This was related to damaged water pipes inside of individual basements – in many cases hot water heaters were unsecured to the wall, and they tipped over and broke water pipes when basements flooded. EFUD did review customer statements for the quarter and several individuals had modifications to their bills to account for their abnormally high usage charges.

The wastewater system faced more significant challenges. Although exact flows are unknown because influent flow meters had stopped working at the main pump station, we do know that on July 10<sup>th</sup> the plant received over 1.0 million gallons in influent by 8 p.m. Shortly after midnight the operators had no

choice but to cease to treat influent because the chlorine contact chamber was backing up with river water and was rendered inoperable. There was a general concern about the lagoon walls, so the department operated several pumps to discharge from our lagoons directly into the field. Flows decreased over the ensuing days and by Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> staff were again fully treating wastewater in compliance with our permit. Staff estimate that from Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> roughly 7.0 million gallons of influent was received at the plant, compared to our normal flows of 300,000 gallons per day.

Fortunately, the wastewater infrastructure fared reasonably well. There were some electrical repairs to our pump stations, and one manhole line had a significant washout resulting in rocks entering the line. Since the flood flows have also remained slightly higher than normal, and we have identified one area of ground water infiltration that will be repaired in 2024.

As the new manager I witnessed a silver lining to the flood. It was heartening and reassuring to see EFUD staff work continuously during the flood event. Their dedication and work ethic is worthy of our praise, and they all should be proud of their efforts.

### **51 South Main Street**

In the fall of 2022 District voters approved the sale of 51 South Main Street to Downstreet Housing and Community Development for the construction and management of 26 affordable housing units. Downstreet spent much of 2023 working through financial challenges, but they also made significant investments in pre-construction work. By the end of 2023 the project had been approved by the Town's Development Review Board. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2024.

### **Absorption of the Duxbury Moretown Fire District**

During the 2023 legislative session a bill was signed into law that dissolved the Duxbury Moretown Fire District (DMFD) and granted ownership of their operations, assets and liabilities to EFUD. Earlier in the year the Prudential Committee of the DMFD had voted to merge with EFUD; this vote was expected because EFUD had substantially managed the affairs of the DMFD for some years. Because EFUD has sold the DMFD water for many years and assisted with necessary repair and maintenance work this merger has little operational or financial impact.

### **Kneeland Flats Mobile Home Park**

The owner of the Kneeland Flats Mobile Home Park has received grant funding to replace the waterlines within his park. Currently the park suffers from dramatic water loss. During the course of 2023, the District engaged with the park owner and his engineer and has agreed to assume ownership of the new water lines if and when the project is completed to our specifications.

This is an interesting change for the District. In 2022 a proposal was made for the Town to pay for the new water lines in this park. That proposal hinged on the District agreeing to turn over its revolving loan fund to the Town. While the plan was supported by the Town Select Board and District Commissioners, the voters of the District ultimately expressed their disapproval. In a twist of fate, that decision resulted in a substantial savings for Town tax payers, as the funds for the upgrades at the park are funded through state and federal grants rather than local dollars.



### Charles H. Stevens Spring

During the course of 2023 EFUD faced a legal challenge related to its ownership of a spring, which was purchased from Charles H. Stevens in 1893, along with the easements to convey the water to our treatment and distribution system. The spring yields 11 gallons per minute (roughly 16,000 gallons per day, and 5.8 million gallons per year), and conveyance from the spring to our customers is via gravity. EFUD rates are substantially depending on protecting our gravity fed water sources, and the District Commissioners felt strongly this spring was worth protecting. We were ultimately successful in defending our ownership interest and the spring remains a part of the water system.

### Revolving Loan Fund

During 2023 three loans were made from the District’s revolving loan fund. Those loans included \$100,000 to Stone’s Throw Pizza, \$50,000 to the Stowe Street Café, and \$30,000 to MakerSphere.

At the end of 2023 the loan fund had \$1.8 million in assets, and all loans are current. This includes roughly \$178,000 in investments, \$1.2 million in loans outstanding, and \$430,000 in funds owed by the District’s sewer fund. The sewer fund’s obligations will be paid back when the historical pattern of deficits is reversed and the sewer fund builds the resources to eliminate the deficit. A summary of loans outstanding is shown below:

Name of Entity Receiving Loan	Original Principal Balance	Outstanding Balance as of 12/31/23	Payoff Date
Bryant & Bryant	\$ 75,000	\$ 23,326	January 2030
Revitalizing Waterbury	\$ 120,000	\$ 63,573	September 2032
Ice Center of Washington West	\$500,000 in 2003, refinanced to \$529,800 in 2021	\$ 529,800	January 2046
Ladd Hall Limited Partnership	\$ 200,000	\$ 152,046	May 2040
Stowe Street Café (1st Loan)	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,037	September 2023
Stowe Street Café (2nd Loan)	\$ 50,000	\$ 47,785	September 2028
Makersphere	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,950	October 2033
Perry Hill Properties LLC	\$ 246,750	\$ 211,582	June 2036
Vermont Beer Shepherd	\$ 95,976	\$ 44,699	March 2026
Stones Throw Pizza	\$ 100,000	\$ 89,585	May 2028

### Edward Farrar Plaque

The District Commissioners held a ceremony in the fall of 2023 honoring Edward Farrar. Mr. Farrar suffered an untimely demise in 1904 while digging a sewer line trench on Elm Street. The ceremony was held on October 14<sup>th</sup> – exactly 119 years after his death, and a commemorative plaque was unveiled.



The picture of the plaque was taken by Cheryl Casey, and was provided courtesy of Lisa Scagliotti at the Waterbury Roundabout.

<b>Water Department Accounts</b>	<b>2022 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
21-6-00-2-001.00 FROM SEWER DEPT	30,185	30,185	30,185	29,880
21-6-00-2-002.00 FROM TOWN HYW DEPT	63,250	62,590	56,905	69,647
21-6-00-2-003.00 GAS TAX REFUND	465	465	588	500
21-6-00-2-011.02 SOLAR LEASE	5,500	5,500	-	5,500
21-6-00-3-001.00 WATER RENT BILLING	847,121	991,623	987,863	1,080,791
21-6-00-3-001.01 LABOR/EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS	1,527	1,527	1,624	1,600
21-6-00-3-002.00 WATER RENT INTEREST	-	3,500	5,640	5,500
21-6-00-3-003.00 WATER PENALTY	1,485	5,000	4,919	5,000
21-6-00-7-001.00 WATER OPERATIONS REVENUE	12,039	11,430	9,342	10,000
21-6-00-7-002.00 SALE OF ASSETS/EQUIP	15,000	-	-	0
21-6-00-8-003.00 LOAN PROCEEDS	-	200,000		0
21-6-00-8-003.03 Debt Proceeds	-	750,000	516,431	0
21-6-00-9-001.00 INTEREST	35,758	30,000	43,406	3,500
NEW-Interest from Investment Funds				30,000
21-6-00-9-001.01 SECURITIES GAINS/LOSS	(117,858)	-	67,953	0
21-6-00-9-002.01 Duxbury-Moretown Transfer	-	-	86,829	0
21-6-00-9-021.01 INSURANCE PROCEEDS	88	-	-	0
21-6-00-9-009.01 Use of Reserves-Roof Replacement	-	100,000	-	100,000
21-6-00-9-009.01 Use of Reserves-2022 Interest				22,600
21-6-00-9-099.00 WATER MISC INCOME		-	74	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>894,560</b>	<b>2,191,820</b>	<b>1,811,758</b>	<b>1,364,518</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
21-7-31 WATER DEPT				
21-7-31-1-110.00 WR-Regular Pay	260,627	276,155	283,712	317,928
21-7-31-1-110.01 FLOOD WAGES			5,000	0
21-7-31-1-115.00 WR-Commissioners Pay	3,125	3,125	1,200	3,125
21-7-31-1-120.00 WR-Part-time Pay	-	10,979	56,208	500
21-7-31-1-210.00 WR-Ins-Health	39,824	-	16,221	24,500
21-7-31-1-210.02 WR-Life, Disability LTC I	1,820	2,580	2,754	2,750
21-7-31-1-220.00 WR-Ins-Social Sec	19,813	22,205	27,178	24,599
21-7-31-1-230.00 WR-Retirement	9,445	18,640	19,193	21,619
21-7-31-1-250.00 WR-Ins-unemployment	3,192	3,256	314	3,250
21-7-31-1-260.00 WR-Ins-workers Comp	14,742	15,037	19,481	19,000
21-7-31-1-290.00 WR-Clothing Allowance	1,451	2,000	2,189	2,250
21-7-31-2-330.00 WR-Engineering & Prof Ser	28,882	60,000	67,415	55,000
21-7-31-2-330.01 WR-Lab Testing	2,635	5,500	4,540	5,500
21-7-31-2-333.00 WR-Legal Fees	11,857	12,000	13,780	11,000
21-7-31-2-340.00 WR-Clerical Services	455	500	650	500
21-7-31-2-340.01 WR-Professional Ser-Other	16,227	21,000	22,060	21,000
21-7-31-2-431.00 WR-Equip & Instru.Main Pl	25,658	80,000	62,093	15,000
21-7-31-2-431.02 WR-Equip Maint-Old Plant	127	129	503	500
21-7-31-2-431.03 WR-Equip Maint-Wells	1,647	15,000	5,437	7,200
21-7-31-2-431.04 WR-Equip Maint-Other	598	1,000	889	1,000
21-7-31-2-431.05 WR-Meter Repair & Replace	2,460	4,000	4,524	5,000

<b>Water Department Accounts</b>	<b>2022 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>
21-7-31-2-441.00 WR-Lease Cv Railroad	-	400	-	400
21-7-31-2-490.00 WR-Property Taxes	16,469	17,293	17,547	18,250
21-7-31-2-530.00 WR-Utilities-Tele/Interne	5,527	5,638	7,011	7,000
21-7-31-2-531.00 WR-Postage	2,001	2,041	2,326	2,450
21-7-31-2-535.00 WR-Public Relations & Edu	100	102	-	100
21-7-31-2-540.00 WR-Advertising	527	500	540	500
21-7-31-2-610.00 WR-Office Supplies	1,489	2,000	2,099	2,150
21-7-31-2-611.00 WR-Chemicals & Purificati	24,774	25,000	13,739	20,000
21-7-31-2-611.01 WR-Lab Chemicals	2,631	3,100	4,205	4,500
21-7-31-2-660.00 WR-State Fees	4,196	7,200	7,888	6,500
21-7-31-2-741.00 WR-Small Tools	1,676	2,000	2,030	2,000
21-7-31-3-424.00 WR-Grounds Maintenance	1,091	7,500	831	7,500
21-7-31-3-430.00 WR-Building Maintenance	15,317	10,000	4,097	8,000
21-7-31-3-622.00 WR-Utilities-Elect	52,629	53,682	65,708	60,000
21-7-31-3-623.00 WR-Propane-Heat/Generator	6,330	6,457	130	130
21-7-31-3-623.01 WR-Propane-Well/Generator	755	770	6,317	6,500
21-7-31-4-432.00 WR-Vehicle Maintenance	4,503	3,000	5,014	5,000
21-7-31-4-626.00 WR-Fuel-Gas	12,587	12,838	18,054	17,000
21-7-31-5-240.00 WR-Training	1,946	1,985	2,300	2,000
21-7-31-5-241.00 WR-Dues	2,631	2,684	1,715	3,000
21-7-31-5-310.00 WR-Admin Fee-Town	96,390	111,610	111,610	115,516
21-7-31-5-460.00 WR-Water Main Maint-Sourc	62	63	538	600
21-7-31-5-460.01 WR-Water Main Maint-Distr	6,638	30,000	22,698	30,000
21-7-31-5-460.02 WR-Water Shed Management	194	198	57	100
21-7-31-5-580.00 WR-Mileage Reimb	525	536	601	650
21-7-31-6-520.00 WR-Ins-Building & Other	15,771	16,086	17,142	17,500
21-7-31-6-830.00 WR-Bank Charges	301	307	13	300
21-7-31-6-990.00 WR-Unclassified	98	100	123	150
21-7-31-7-741.00 WR-New Equipment	4,410	4,498	1,405	4,500
21-7-31-7-741.03 WR-Pick-up #3	39,508	62,000	58,466	0
21-7-31-7-741.04 WR-ATV/Snowmobile/Trailer	-	-	431	0
21-7-31-7-741.05 WR-Backhoe	-	4,000	477	4,000
21-7-31-7-741.06 WR-Equip,Computers,Furnit	2,257	3,000	231	3,000
21-7-31-7-741.07 WR-Lawn Tractor	26,849	-	-	0
21-7-31-7-743.00 WR-Bldg Improvements	-	35,000	-	35,000
21-7-31-7-743.02 WR-CAPITAL OUTLAY	(66,370)	850,000	681,735	100,000
21-7-31-8-820.02 WR-Principal Expenses	-	270,626	230,561	236,000
21-7-31-8-830.00 WR-Interest Expenses	91,083	86,500	44,516	103,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>819,481</b>	<b>2,191,820</b>	<b>1,947,495</b>	<b>1,364,518</b>

Wastewater Department Accounts	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
22-6-00-2-002.00 FROM TOWN HYW DEPT	1,140	-	-	0
22-6-00-2-003.00 GAS TAX REFUND	138	199	-	0
22-6-00-2-011.02 Solar Lease	2,000	2,000	2,956	2,000
22-6-00-2-020.05 Trans. In Town ARPA	-	-	150,000	
22-6-00-3-001.00 SEWER RENT BILLING	768,862	916,214	868,294	990,188
22-6-00-3-002.00 SEWER RENT INTEREST	-	2,800	4,751	4,500
22-6-00-3-003.00 SEWER PENALTY	1,611	4,400	4,488	4,500
22-6-00-7-001.00 SEWER OPERATIONS REVENUE	7,115	5,000	7,426	5,000
22-6-00-7-002.00 Sales of Assets/Equipment	-	-	-	20,000
22-6-00-8-003.00 LOAN PROCEEDS	-	115,000	-	0
22-6-00-9-001.00 INTEREST	1,129	1,200	(1,982)	0
22-6-00-9-001.01 SECURITIES GAINS/LOSS	(8,440)	-	5,173	0
22-6-00-9-021.01 INSURANCE PROCEEDS	-	-	521	0
22-6-00-9-099.00 SEWER MISC INCOME	-	-	74	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>773,555</b>	<b>1,046,813</b>	<b>1,041,700</b>	<b>1,026,188</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>				
22-7-32-1-110.00 SW-Regular Pay	139,635	150,553	155,828	180,403
22-7-32-1-110.01 2023 Flood Wages	-	-	2,500	0
22-7-32-1-115.00 SW-Commissioners Pay	3,125	3,125	3,125	3,125
22-7-32-1-120.00 SW-Part-time Pay	-	10,252	952	1,000
22-7-32-1-210.00 SW-Ins-Medical	29,005	21,840	22,633	36,250
22-7-32-1-210.02 SW-Life Disability LTC I	1,551	1,740	1,444	1,332
22-7-32-1-220.00 SW-Social Sec	11,297	12,541	12,471	14,116
22-7-32-1-230.00 SW-Retirement	8,702	10,162	10,503	12,267
22-7-32-1-250.00 SW-Ins-unemployment	271	240	198	250
22-7-32-1-260.00 SW-Ins-Workers Comp	6,938	7,000	11,647	12,000
22-7-32-1-290.00 SW-Clothing Allowance	777	1,200	1,509	2,000
22-7-32-2-330.00 SW-Engineering	8,607	15,000	8,726	10,000
22-7-32-2-330.01 SW-Testing Services/lab	3,744	11,500	5,727	7,000
22-7-32-2-333.00 SW-Legal Fees	1,856	5,000	50	2,000
22-7-32-2-340.00 SW-Clerical Services	455	500	353	500
22-7-32-2-340.01 SW-Profess Service-Other	15,919	20,000	19,976	20,000
22-7-32-2-441.00 SW-Railroad Leases	776	800	796	800
22-7-32-2-530.00 SW-Utilities-Tele	6,594	6,500	7,413	7,372
22-7-32-2-531.00 SW-Postage	1,029	1,100	1,265	1,265
22-7-32-2-540.00 ADVERTISING	791	800	240	800
22-7-32-2-610.00 SW-Office Supplies	952	1,000	436	1,000
22-7-32-2-611.00 SW-Chemicals	56,022	75,000	63,043	70,000
22-7-32-2-611.01 SW-Lab Supplies & Maint	5,676	6,500	3,708	5,400
22-7-32-2-660.00 SW-State Fees	2,530	2,800	1,870	2,800
22-7-32-3-411.00 SW-Water	3,065	4,500	3,685	4,000
22-7-32-3-424.00 SW-Grounds	4,520	12,400	841	5,200
22-7-32-3-430.00 SW-Building Maintenance	15,119	15,000	8,501	15,000

<b>Wastewater Department Accounts</b>	<b>2022 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>
22-7-32-3-622.00 SW-Utilities-Elect/Solar	82,271	83,000	85,896	84,250
22-7-32-3-623.00 SW-Fuel-Propane	2,226	2,400	979	2,200
22-7-32-3-624.00 SW-Fuel-heat	7,649	8,000	9,160	9,600
22-7-32-3-624.01 SW-Fuel-Equip & Service	2,958	3,500	739	2,500
22-7-32-4-432.00 SW-Vehicle Maintenance	2,062	2,200	1,729	1,250
22-7-32-4-626.00 SW-Fuel-Gas	2,109	2,200	2,896	2,600
22-7-32-4-627.00 SW-Fuel-Diesel	-	1,200	1,125	1,200
22-7-32-5-240.00 SW-Tuition	497	1,200	-	1,200
22-7-32-5-241.00 SW-Dues	402	600	1,167	1,167
22-7-32-5-310.00 SW-Admin Service Fee-Town	-	35,000	30,185	
22-7-32-5-310.02 SW-Admin Service Fee-Wate	30,185	-	-	29,880
22-7-32-5-320.00 SW-Training	758	600	971	1,000
22-7-32-5-431.00 SW-Plant & Process Maint	72,452	100,000	116,880	100,000
22-7-32-5-431.01 SW-Equipment Maintenance	251	1,200	261	1,200
22-7-32-5-460.00 SW-Collection Sys Maint	59,148	75,000	61,784	80,000
22-7-32-5-460.01 SW-Coll Sys Emerg Rpr/Rpl	24,700	-	-	0
22-7-32-6-520.00 SW-Ins-Prop & Gnral Libil	13,365	14,000	14,253	15,000
22-7-32-6-830.00 SW-Bank Charges	301	500	-	500
22-7-32-6-990.00 SW-Unclassified	-	-	11	100
22-7-32-7-460.00 SW-Lagoon Cleanout	-	2,000	-	8,500
22-7-32-7-460.05 SW-Sewer Main Repair/Repl	59,759	40,000	-	90,000
22-7-32-7-460.06 SW-Aeration System	20,782	34,500	30,217	22,500
22-7-32-7-741.00 SW-New Equipment	3,890	47,000	101,027	10,000
22-7-32-7-743.01 DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	319,818	-	-	
22-7-32-7-743.02 SW-CAPITAL OUTLAY	(51,259)	-	-	
22-7-32-8-820.00 SW-Plant & Line Debt Serv	-	79,560	71,896	104,906
22-7-32-8-830.00 SW-Interest Expenses	18,500	16,100	11,742	12,510
22-7-32-8-840.00 Contribution to Fund Bala	-	100,000	-	28,244
22-7-32-8-990.00 Unclassified	-	-	23	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,001,779</b>	<b>1,046,813</b>	<b>892,381</b>	<b>1,026,188</b>

## Reserve & Development Funds

The Edward Farrar Utility District has several reserve funds that were authorized by the voters and Commissioners of EFUD and its predecessor, the Village of Waterbury. These funds include capital improvement funds, economic development funds, and a fund for general property management.

The former tax stabilization fund was established in 2015 and was split into two funds by voters in 2019—the Utility Capital Reserve Fund and the General Property Management Fund. The CDBG Fund was established in the 1990 and was used to develop infrastructure in Pilgrim Park. The outstanding loan to Ladd Hall, Ltd. helped finance the affordable housing project on that former state property. The Loan Fund was used to bring Ben & Jerry’s to Waterbury in 1984. Proceeds of principal and interest from that loan were used to establish EFUD’s revolving loan fund, which has been used to provide capital to many local businesses and nonprofits.

EFUD also has assets that are invested, balances of which are shown in the table below.

<b>Loan Fund</b>		
Balance January 1, 2023		Balance December 31, 2023
Due from Other Funds	\$ 416,527	\$ 424,223
Other Equity Securities	106	98
Mutual Funds	<u>229,503</u>	<u>248,768</u>
Total Cash/Investment Value	\$ 646,136	\$ 673,089
Loans & Accrued Int. Receivable	\$1,123,651	1,080,121
Total Assets	1,769,787	1,753,210
Tot. Liabilities (Deferred Revenue)	<u>(1,123,651)</u>	<u>(1,080,121)</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 646,136	\$ 673,089
Loans Made in 2023:	\$180,000	
Principal Payments Made in 2023:	\$117,263	
Delinquent Loans:	None	

### CDBG FUND

Balance 1/1/2023	\$74,588
Balance 12/31/2023	\$72,615

### Investment Funds

Fund Name	Investment Balance 1/1/2023	Investment Balance 12/31/2023
General Property Management Fund	\$ 90,700	\$ 105,157
Utility Capital Reserve	\$ 374,095	\$ 416,254
Water Capital Reserve	\$ 865,482	\$ 973,304
Wastewater Capital Reserve	\$ 56,220	\$ 65,106
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,386,497</b>	<b>\$ 1,559,821</b>

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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: June 17, 2023

**OFFICIAL RESULTS 2023**

**EDWARD FARRAR UTILITY DISTRICT**

**May 10, 2023**

Instructions to Voters: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, make a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block

For DISTRICT COMMISSIONER for a 1 Year Term Vote for not more than TWO		For DISTRICT COMMISSIONER for a 3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	
<b>LAWRENCE SAYAH</b>	37	<b>ROBERT FINUCANE</b>	38
<b>NATALIE SHERMAN</b>	35	Write-In	
Write-In			
Write-In			

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall general obligation bonds of the Edward Farrar Utility District in an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand (\$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 approximately 2,000 feet of water line that runs from the Blush Hill Water Reservoir towards Kennedy Drive?

YES 39  
NO 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**EDWARD FARRAR UTILITY DISTRICT**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

Instructions to Voters: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, make a cross (x) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block

For DISTRICT COMMISSIONER for a 1 Year Term

Vote for not more than TWO

<b>NATALIE SHERMAN</b>	
<b>RICK WESTON</b>	
Write-In	
Write-In	

For DISTRICT COMMISSIONER for a 3 Year Term

Vote for not more than ONE

<b>P. HOWARD "SKIP" FLANDERS</b>	
Write-In	







Dedication of the plaque commemorating the service of  
Edward Farrar to the Village of Waterbury

October 14, 2023

The Edward Farrar Utility District Commissioner in cooperation with the Waterbury Historical Society held ceremony dedication a plaque on the grave stone of Edward Farrar honoring his service to the Village of Waterbury. Edward Farrar was the Village President and a Water Commissioner when he lost his life in a sewer trench cave in on October 14, 1904 on Elm Street. On the plaque is the resolution approved at the annual Village Meeting March 6, 1905. The presentation was led by EFUD Commissioner, Skip Flanders with participation by Public Works Director Bill Woodruff and a benediction given by Pastor Peter Plagge. Shown in the picture left to right are Natalie Sherman EFUD Commissioner, Pastor Peter Plagge, Public Works Director Bill Woodruff and Skip Flanders EFUD Commissioner. Photo by Cheryl Casey

