

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd, 2021  
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Chairman Nickerson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**PRESENT:** Mark Nickerson Chairman, Dave Bond, Steve DiGiovanna, Dave Jacques, Joe Mingo, Dave Murphy, Carol Russell, Roger Spencer, Dave Zoller

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director  
Brad Kargl, Municipal Utility Engineer  
Ben North, Asst. Municipal Utility Engineer  
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** Roger Spencer

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Nickerson called the Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission to order at 7:02 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He asked that they add an item to the agenda that had inadvertently been omitted in the revised agenda - Item 6.a. – Spinnaker Sewer Maintenance Agreement – FY 2022

**\*\*MOTION (1)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to add Item 6.a. Spinnaker Sewer Maintenance Agreement – FY 2022 to the Agenda.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

▪ **Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2021**

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion or any discussion on the Public Hearing Minutes of May 25, 2021.

**\*\*MOTION (2)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of May 25, 2021 as submitted.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

▪ **Regular Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2021**

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion or any discussion on the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021.

**\*\*MOTION (3)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021 as submitted.

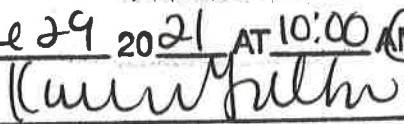
Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

**3. Delegations**

Mr. Nickerson called for delegations.  
There were none.

FILED

June 29 2021 AT 10:00 AM/PM  
  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

#### **4. Billing Adjustments/Disputes**

There were none.

#### **5. Approval of Bills**

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion on the Well 1A/6 Treatment Project bills.

##### **\*\*MOTION (4)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the following Well 1A/6 Treatment Project bill: Tighe & Bond Inv. #062190017 in the amount of \$22,101.95.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 1. Motion passed.

Abstained: Mr. Bond

##### **\*\*MOTION (5)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the following Well 1A/6 Treatment Project bill: RH White Inv. Appl. #14 in the amount of \$95,027.10.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 1. Motion passed.

Abstained: Mr. Bond

##### **\*\*MOTION (6)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the following Well 1A/6 Treatment Project bill: CIRMA, Inv. #22113 in the amount of \$2,412.00.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 1. Motion passed.

Abstained: Mr. Bond

#### **6. Finance Director Report**

Ms. Johnson reviewed her report noting that revenues were up slightly from last year and that we had also received more of the budgeted amount in revenues as compared to last year.

##### **6. a. Spinnaker Sewer Maintenance Agreement – FY 2022**

Mr. Zoller recused himself during this item and left the room.

Mr. Nickerson explained that this is a yearly contract for maintenance on the Spinnaker pump station.

Mr. Bragaw noted that there is slight increase each year due to general wage increases and for equipment and vehicles as necessary. This has worked out very well over the years.

##### **\*\*MOTION (7)**

Mr. Mingo moved to approve the Spinnaker Sewer Maintenance Agreement for FY 2022 as presented.

Mr. DiGiovanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Zoller re-joined the meeting.

#### **7. Project Updates**

##### **▪ Meter Replacement Project**

Mr. Bragaw said that they would hire within their own department and that this would be further discussed at the July meeting.

##### **▪ Well 1A and 6 Treatment Plant Modifications and Upgrades – revised schedule for substantial completion and; plant start-up status**

Mr. North updated everyone noting that RH White made a request for a 43 calendar day extension extending the completion date from May 20, 2021 to July 1, 2021. He noted that they had a copy of the letter from RH White in their packets outlining the various reasons for the delay and need for the extension. He said that they have spent about \$20,000 in response to not having the second well.

Mr. Kargl said that was due to falling short getting Well 1A up and running.

Mr. Jacques asked about the \$20,000 and if that would be covered by the delay by RH White.  
Mr. North suggested that they wait a bit until they get by this July 1, 2021 date and see where they stand.

▪ **Taste and Odor Investigation**

Mr. North said that they are slowly adjusting the manganese levels and that this has been working.  
Mr. Jacques said that he would be interested in the yearly cost as those numbers are increased.

▪ **Bride Brook Pump Station Relocation – 3D Visualization and Animation Proposal – discussion and possible action**

Mr. North noted that they had the information in their packets from the engineering services regarding the proposal.

Mr. Nickerson noted that Rocky Neck is not anxious to have the pump station on their property.

**\*\*MOTION (8)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to appropriate and transfer up to \$6,870.00 from the sewer assessment fund to an account titled, "Bride Brook Sewer Pump Station" for costs associated with relocating and upgrading the Bride Brook Sewer Pump Station.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

▪ **OM Generator Replacement – discussion and possible action**

Mr. North said that they tried to save the one that is there (it dates back to the 1980's) but there are other issues with it. The contractor agreed to give back the \$10,000 he spent on it and in the end he came up with the best rate anyways for a new one so one-half of it will come from the Water O & M and the rest from the Sewer Assessment fund.

**\*\*MOTION (9)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to appropriate and transfer up to \$20,000 from the Sewer Assessment Fund to an account titled: "O&M Generator" for costs associated with replacing the generator at the O&M Facility.

Mr. Zoller seconded the motion.

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

**8. Correspondence Log**

There were no comments.

**9. Chairman's Report**

Mr. Nickerson reported that the Tri-Town Subcommittee met last week and that they have a working draft of the agreement. Staff and the Chair will continue to work this out.

Ms. Russell asked the timeline on this.

Mr. Bragaw said that it was pushed out a bit as the Waterford RTM has to meet on it so it will come in October some time. They are working towards it.

Mr. Nickerson noted that they have done a dramatic pull back on the ARP dollars as the usage has been further delineated by the Treasury. They are not sure what part of the \$5.4M will be available for Water & Sewer – it could potentially be around \$2M – they are not certain. It is not going to be something to rush as the guidelines from the Treasury keep changing although the Water & Sewer infrastructure fits in to some extent. There is much more to come on this and they have to wait to see how all of it shakes out as it is still evolving.

Mr. Nickerson said that this would be Brad's last meeting. He thanked him for all of his service throughout the years and wished him well in his retirement.

## **10. Staff Updates**

### **a. Water Department Monthly Report**

Mr. DiGiovanna noted the leak detection and that they had found five (5) leaks?

Mr. North said that they are still looking into where – they have estimates and he expects to have more information for them on this next month.

Mr. Jacques asked about the Boston Post road water tank cleaning and if it was inside.

Mr. North said yes noting that they got an inch of sediment material out of the inside and that they are testing the outside. They are doing a patch test on it and anticipate doing a bigger project on it.

Ms. Russell asked about the letter from Old Lyme about coming into our Town and what had happened to that.

Mr. Bragaw said that with so much going on that it was not being discussed at this time.

### **b. Sewer Department Monthly Report**

Mr. Murphy noted that percentage wise this seems to be running high – he asked if it was due to new homes.

Mr. North said that he would like to proactively camera the sewer system.

Mr. Nickerson said that it could just be a Covid anomaly with more people being home all the time.

Mr. Bond said that heavy rain causes run-off into the system and that many homes are actively running sump pumps and pumping that into the system. He asked Mr. North if they have a jet truck to 'see' the system.

Mr. North said that they could borrow one to use as they are expensive.

Ms. Russell asked if Gateway II is now done, completed and occupied.

Mr. North and Mr. Nickerson said that it is completed and 100% occupied. They added that the Orchards (single family homes) are still being steadily built out.

## **11. Future Agenda Items**

Ms. Russell asked that the Water Report be discussed.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Nickerson called for a motion to adjourn.

### **\*\*MOTION (10)**

**Mr. DiGiovanna moved to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission at 7:55 PM.**

**Mr. Bond seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 8 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,  
Recording Secretary