

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 27th, 2021
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Acting Chairman Seery called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PRESENT: Kevin Seery Acting Chairman, Dave Bond, Steve DiGiovanna,
Dave Murphy, Carol Russell, Roger Spencer, Dave Zoller

ALSO PRESENT: Ben North, Municipal Utility Engineer
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

ABSENT: Mark Nickerson, David Jacques, Joe Mingo

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chairman Seery called the Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission to order at 7:01 PM and asked Mr. Murphy to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

▪ **Regular Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2021**

Mr. Seery called for a motion or any discussion on the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2021.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Zoller moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2021 as submitted.

Mr. DiGiovanna seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 - 2. Motion passed.

Abstained: Mr. Spencer, Mr. Seery

3. Delegations

Mr. Seery called for delegations.

There were none.

4. Billing Adjustments/Disputes

There were none.

5. Approval of Bills

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

****MOTION (2)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to approve the following Well 1A/6 Treatment Project bills: Tighe & Bond Inv. #072190003 in the amount of \$37,988.99; and RH White Inv. Appl. #15 in the amount of \$248,739.55.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1. Motion passed.

Abstained: Mr. Bond

6. Finance Director Report

Ms. Johnson reviewed her report noting that they would continue to pay bills from the previous year thru the end of August. She said that the cash position improves each year on the water side and sewer shows improved operations.

Mr. Zoller asked about a surplus on the water side.

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Ms. Johnson said that there was a bit due to the issue with the meter project.

7. Project Updates

▪ Meter Replacement Project

Mr. North said that he has met with PMI and they are working on a solution.

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

Mr. North updated everyone that Well 1A is on-line – a week later than expected however the DPH will inspect it next week. There are a few punch list items for them to take care of.

Mr. Murphy asked about the project in comparison to the budget for it.

Mr. North said that they should close out under budget adding that he would like to have it cover them through start-up. He added that it was a good project.

▪ Consumer Confidence Report

Mr. North noted that the amount detected column could be misleading and that he would like it to be restated as the 'highest amount detected' as the figure is not a constant.

Mr. Bond suggested putting in a column showing the average.

Mr. DiGiovanna noted that the range column is also misleading as it is only our numbers and not a general range.

Mr. Bond said that the key is that we have no violations.

Mr. North said that the wells are tested daily and that the averages are per well.

8. Correspondence Log

Ms. Russell noted that she had provided them with the Minutes from the most recent SECT Water Authority meeting. She noted that Old Lyme is talking with New London on treatment capacity.

9. Chairman's Report

Mr. Seery reported that there would be a Town Meeting in the coming week on the Acquisition Plan items and the PSB Roof.

10. Staff Updates

a. Water Department Monthly Report

Mr. Murphy asked about the water from New London in light of Well 1.

Mr. North said that at the very end of June they turned Well 1 on and that brought what they have been taking from New London down considerably as Well 1 is their best producing well. The plan is to hold steady to get through the summer.

b. Sewer Department Monthly Report

Ms. Russell said that she is concerned with our available capacity and our commitments.

Mr. North said that he does not think that the actual will be as high as what is projected.

Ms. Russell expressed her concern over having enough available in the event that septics fail.

11. Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Seery called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (3)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission at 7:45 PM.

Mr. Bond seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary