

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday December 27, 2023
MINUTES**

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The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a special meeting on Wednesday December 27, 2023.

PRESENT: Daniel Cunningham - Chairman, Steve DiGiovanna, Dave Murphy, Dave Bond,
Roger Spencer, Carol Russell, Michelle Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director
Ben North, Chief Operating Officer
Matt Garneau, Utility Engineer

ABSENT: Commission Members - Ken Roberts, Dave Zoller

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Cunningham called the special meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Pledge was observed.

2. Discussion of Water Testing Results

Mr. North went over the recent Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) testing results. Mr. North stated that PFAS was found at levels below CT DPH Action levels. We are required to do anything at this time, but he recommended that we notify our customers for full transparency. The discussion then went into how and when we should notify our customers. Mr. North provided the Commission with a draft letter to the customers that he wanted to send out early next week. The Commission thought the draft letter was good and agreed with the timing to send it out. Mr. North said that since a letter takes time to reach a customer, staff was looking to post the letter on the town's website, put it out on town social media outlets and send the letter to the NL Day to get the word out in a timely fashion. The Commission also suggested we email the letter out to customers that we have emails for.

Since these PFAS results will affect the arrangements of the New London-East Lyme Regional Interconnection, Mr. North stated that he was planning on reaching out to New London to discuss results with them as well.

The Commission and staff agreed that it would be best to start the next regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday January 23rd at 7 PM with an agenda item about PFAS to allow for a public informational on this subject.

Mr. North stated that staff has already started exploring PFAS water treatment methods and may need to get the capital projects subcommittee together in the next month or two to go over the financial implications of this so they can then bring it back to the entire Commission at a meeting in the Spring.

Mr. DiGiovanna called for a motion to close this meeting.

***MOTION (1)**

Mr. DiGiovanna moved to close this special meeting.

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Vote: 7- 0- 0.

Motion passed.

Mr. Cunningham closed the special meeting at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Garneau
Utility Engineer