

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015, 10:30 A.M. WOODRIDGE LAKE CLUB HOUSE
EAST HYERDALE DRIVE, GOSHEN, CT 0756

CALL TO ORDER: Raymond A. Turri, President of the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE: There were twenty-seven Woodridge Lake Sewer District Tax Payers in attendance. The list of those present is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Board members serving at this meeting were Ray Turri, Joan Lang and Bob Goldfeld, Excused absence were Board Members Jim Mersfelder and Jim Hiltz.

Before taking action on the items on the agenda Ray Turri took the time to express his appreciation for all of the volunteers who serve on the various boards and commissions, giving of their time and efforts in dealing with the issues that come up with DEEP relative to financing and funding or with the operation of the Sewer Treatment Facilities. Noted were members of the Finance Committee - Richard Reis, Chairman, Lou Friedrich and Jim Mersfelder. Members of the Planning Committee - Ken Green Chairman, Chip Rorabach, Bob Goldfeld. Richard Reis, Jim Mersfelder and Plant Manager Charlie Ekstrom. Serving on the Operations Committee - Jim Mersfelder Chairman, Thomas McKiernan and Plant Manager Charlie Ekstrom. Ray Turri noted that he attempts to try to attend all of the meeting. Recognition was given to the District Plant Manager Charlie Ekstrom who is a Class IV State Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator who has been a great mentor to his subordinates, Jason Patrick a Class III operator, Mark Theirault, Class III and Michael Migaldi, a jack of all trades and a class I operator. Also acknowledged were Laurie Mosley, Tax Collector for the District and Joan Lang who has served the District as its secretary and bookkeeper sense the District inception.

Item#1 on the Agenda – The Election of Officers and Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District. All to serve a one (1) year term.

Currently serving and nominated were Raymond A. Turri, President
Jim Mersfelder, Vice President & Treasurer
Joan M. Lang, Clerk
Robert Goldfeld, Director
James Hiltz, Director

There being no other nominations, the vote was called and A MOTION WAS MADE BY Richard Reis seconded by Tom McKiernan to elect the slate of officers and Directors as presented. There was no discussion on the motion. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands, for those in favor of the motion and those against. There was no show of hands against the motion, THE MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2 on the Agenda – One Director to serve on the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority Board to serve three (3) year term.

Currently serving and up for re-election – James Hiltz (Term to expire April 2018)

Nominations were called for from the floor, there being no other nominations, the Chair called for a Motion. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Barry Donaldson seconded by Frank Gomes to elect James Hiltz to serve a three year term on the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority Board. A call for a vote by show of hands for and against was called. There being no votes against, THE MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3 on the Agenda – The election of an Alternate to serve on the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority Board. To serve a three (3) year term.

Currently serving and up for re-election Cynthia Barrett

Ray Turri explained the position of an alternate and in order to keep current with what the District is doing, noted it is important to be able to attend the District meetings. Based on the low attendance record of the current two alternates, no action was taken at this meeting to fill the position of Cynthia Barrett. Ray Turri extended the invitation to any Woodridge Lake Property Owner who feels that they have the time, commitment to serve as an Alternate on the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority Board and to keep current with what is happening in the WLSD, be able to attend the District Meeting.

Item #4 on the agenda – The setting of a date for the meeting of the voters of the WLSD for the purpose of adopting the annual budget meeting, laying the tax and fixing the tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

The date of Saturday May, 23, 2015 was presented for consideration and A MOTION WAS MADE BY Al Shull seconded by Tom McKiernan to set the date of Saturday, May 23, 2015, 10 A.M. For the holding of the Annual Budget Meeting of the voters of Woodridge Lake Sewer District. There was no discussion on the motion, SO VOTED.

There were no other items for consideration on the agenda. Ray Turri gave a brief update on the status of the on-going developments with DEEP and the USDA Funding Status. The District has been in the bidding process for the I/I improvements and Pump Station (SCADA) upgrade. Bidders were selected, contracts given, a pre-construction meeting will be held on Wednesday April 29th and the projects are scheduled to start in the month of May and hopefully completed by the end of September. It was noted that these are projects that need to be done regardless of what alternative method is used for the disposal of the WLSD wastewater, staying on site or going to Torrington. Regarding the alternatives, the State DEEP has continually pushed back the staying on-site option and the pushbacks have increased the on-site cost, bringing the on-site and cost of going to Torrington to be about the same. DEEP is requiring more late Spring Testing and the District is looking further into the costs of going to Torrington that were provided by the Engineering Firm being used by the District. Ray Turri noted the recent USDA meeting he and Richard Reis attended. Although the District qualified and was hoping to receive a 45%

Grant from USDA, they were informed at the meeting that a 29% Grant determination had been made. The 29% Grant does not make it economically feasible for the District taxpayers. Work is being done relative to the scheduling of a meeting with State of Connecticut Clean Water Fund Director. Attending that meeting for the District will be Ray Turri, Richard Reis, Ken Green, Jim Mersfelder and District Legal Counsel John Wertam. The District was informed in the fall of 2014 that the WLS D is listed on the States priority projects list. In addition to the 29% USDA grant, the District could receive a 25% grant from the CT Clean Water Fund which would bring the grant level up to 45%. While the funding process is being dealt with, a better look is being taken relative to going to Torrington. The pipe line route going to Torrington has been proposed by Woodward & Curran. It has been discussed with the Torrington WPA. To get a better estimate of construction cost, borings will be taken along the proposed route beginning in June.

The route goes up Route 63, to Pie Hill to Pumping Station Road to Route 4 down to the former Ducci Electric Building.

A Question was asked relative to Torrington having the capacity and the willingness to take the Woodridge Lake Sewer District wastewater. Ray Turri stated that Torrington is spending Fifty-two million to update their plant and has recently received a permit from DEEP for sixteen million gallons a day. The District flows of 150,000 gallons a day would be a garden hose connection for Torrington. Regarding Woodridge Lake wastewater being accepted by Torrington that will need to be negotiated between Torrington and the DEEP. Currently the Towns of Harwinton and Litchfield have a cost per flow contracts with Torrington to accept some of their effluent which provides a bench mark for a cost for the District to go to Torrington. Every effort is being made to work with DEEP to reach an agreement which will satisfy their environmental mandate at the least cost to the taxpayers via the local option of the pipeline to Torrington.

Questioned was what plans if any had been considered for the use of the treatment plant property if the District should go to Torrington? It is premature to consider any plans for the future use of the land.

There was no other business to come before the meeting. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS CALLED and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

Joan M. Lang, Clerk