

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
AND THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2022 9:30 A.M. AT THE WOODRIDGE LAKE CLUBHOUSE, EAST
HYERDALE DRIVE, GOSHEN, CT 06756**

CALL TO ORDER: Raymond Turri, President of the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District called the meeting to order at 10:55 A.M (this meeting was held after the WLPOA meeting that started at 9:30AM)..

ATTENDANCE: There were twenty 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, Raymond Turri, James Mersfelder, Jerry Abrahams, Alfred Shull, David Hazan, also Alternate Norval Lunan and Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley.

Item#1 on the Agenda –To elect Officers and Directors to serve on the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District, all to serve a one year term.

The following members were nominated, all to serve a one (1) year term:

Raymond A. Turri, President
James L. Mersfelder, Vice President/Treasurer
Alfred L. Shull, Clerk
David Hazan, Director
Jerry Abrahams, Director

There being no other nominations, the vote was called and **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Raymond Turri; seconded by Alfred Shull 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. 20 yes 0 no**

Item #2 on the Agenda – To elect one (2) Directors and (1) Alternate of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority to serve a three (3) year term. Term to expire April, 2025.

Two Directors were nominated to serve a three (3) year term for the Woodridge Lake Sewer Authority with term to expire April 2023.

Nominations were called for from the floor, there were no other nominations.

The Board nominated:
Raymond A. Turri
James L. Mersfelder

There were no nominations for the One Alternate position.

The Chair called for a Motion. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Raymond Turri; seconded by Jerry Abrahams to elect slate of members as presented 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, 20 yes **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Item #3 on the agenda – The setting of a date for the meeting of the voters of the WLS D for the purpose of adopting the annual budget meeting, laying the tax and fixing the tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

The date of Saturday May 28, 2022 was presented for consideration and **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** David Hazan seconded by Alfred Shull to set the date of Saturday, May 28, 2022, 9:30 A.M. (after WLPOA meeting) 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**.

Item# 4 on the Agenda to update taxpayers on the Sewer Pipeline Project. Jim Mersfelder related the obstacles that WLS D has encountered with developing a remedy to our consent decree with DEEP and the cooperation from Litchfield that is required if the goals are to be realized. Jerry Abrahams reported on recent events and studies that effect our project; a study on the sources of nutrient loading in Bantam Lake was recently published and released. The study, conducted by the federal EPA and Connecticut DEEP stated that there are excessive levels of nitrogen and phosphorus in the lake. The report went on to point out several sources for this excess of nutrients. It specifically identified the effluent from the Woodridge Lake sewer plant as a contributor of nutrients reaching Bantam Lake which have led to harmful algae blooms. Harmful Algae blooms have led to Bantam Lake closures in years past and are expected to do so in the future as well. The effluent reaches Bantam Lake via the Bantam River and it could be eliminated by piping the wastewater from Woodridge Lake to the Litchfield Wastewater Treatment Plant. A project to do just that has been proposed. The Litchfield plant has the capacity to receive and process the Woodridge Lake wastewater as it was built to accommodate future needs. Moreover, Litchfield's plant will need to undergo some upgrades soon. The Board believes it makes sense for the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and Litchfield to collaborate so Litchfield tax payers do not bear these costs alone and WLS D can retire its 50 year plus plant and interconnect to a more modern plant. Now is the time to pursue this project since dollars for clean water projects are readily available from the US Department of Agriculture and other federal and state agencies as grant funding from recently passed Covid Relief and Infrastructure legislation. Improved clean water infrastructure for our community, less pollution in Bantam Lake and making sure we get our share of federal and state infrastructure dollars makes this critically important for our towns. For more information-
<http://bantamlakect.com/BL-Watershed.html>

A question and answer session was held for anyone who had questions about the project. Ray Turri, Jim Mersfelder and Jerry Abrahams answered questions on history of the pipeline and the current proposed pipeline project.

There was no other business to come before the meeting. **A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS CALLED** by Alfred Shull seconded by David Hazan and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

Alfred L. Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

