

Town of Lincoln
Water Commission
96 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI
Minutes of May 11th, 2022 Meeting

Present: Madame Chair Julie Labreche, Commissioners Louis Long, Edward Sliney, Edward Fox, Ken Booth, Lewis Prescott, Superintendent Anderson and Council.

Call to order: May 11, 2022 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Sliney to bring Josh Guiliano, Citizens Annual Investment Review, Second by Commissioner Long.

All in Favor

Josh Guiliano, Citizens Annual Investment Review

Showed historical returns statement going back to 2021, year by year return. This year was down about 8.2% which is phenomenal, last year was about 7.2%. Somewhat restricted in the policy, the average bond is down about 10%. There are some minor adjustments we can make, motion to make some minor adjustments to diminish minor inflation risks. To further decrease the risk, some minor adjustments need to be made. Tweak as long as it is within the guidelines.

Madame Chair Julie Labreche: Something we need to look at especially in this environment.

Josh Guiliano: Can't make large changes but some minor ones.

Superintendent Anderson: mitigation of risks, would you thatch reserve in that nature.

Josh Guiliano: We would have to look at restrictions, more stocks and bonds and interpretations. Something that acts like a bond but doesn't have such a risk. One of your accounts investment cd, which means you can't lose value and that's not a stock or bond. Some decisions that are more conservative.

Commissioner Ken Booth: On the cd's what's the equity?

Josh Guiliano: Guaranteed not to lose value, can be sold at market value.

Commissioner Ken Booth: As we sit this is ongoing until we change investment strategies.

Madame Chair Julie Labreche: It matures as of august 2023

Josh Guiliano: yes

Madame Chair Julie Labreche: We have your card, we will reach out to you

Public Comment: No public comment

Motion to accept Consent Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Sliney, Second by Commissioner Long.

All in Favor

Superintendent Report of Daily Activity April 2022:

Superintendent Anderson: Project updates: water rate study completed scope of work, need to further review. Get together with **Commissioner Ken Booth** to look at independently, see if it is consistent. The intent is to advertise for proposals for firms that specialize in these studies. Residue chlorine is about 80% complete, including the sampling and testing results and PARE hydraulic model simulates this rate throughout the system and is nearing completion. The SRF program application process is done. The project priority list is submitted to DOH, drinking water fund plan. The hydraulic model is in the final calibration to be performed for the Manville area. PARE is looking at all the data- nearing completing. Albion water storage tank, correspondence from DEM the remediate action submitted and approved in 2013 erosion control, soil estimate mediation was not performed. Looking for an update from us, retrieved the work plan. This is a

separate project that is an ongoing planning project for capital improvement projects. Overall pumping is increasing from March to April.

Motion to accept by Commissioner Fox, second by Commissioner Long.
All in favor

Balance Sheet – Expenditure and Revenue Report – April 2022- Motion to accept by Commissioner Sliney, second by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

Financial Report to Town Finance Director - April 2022- Motion to accept by Commissioner Fox, second by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

Account Balance Report –April 2022

Motion to accept by Commissioner Fox, second by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

Direct Payments and Payables – April 2022- Motion to accept by Commissioner Fox, second by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

Abatements: Regular Monthly Abatements April 2022- Motion to accept by Commissioner Sliney, second by Commissioner Long

Unfinished Business

a. Quinville Wellfield Abandonment: Petersen-Puritan Coordination

Superintendent Anderson: Continued contact with the consultant of the Petersen-Puritan project, the location of the abandoned wells. A Zoom meeting is scheduled, my approach was to have them assist in this but they are claiming it is our property. We have to take care of the property, to coincide with their cleanup and mediation. I went out with Lou to see it, some of them collapsed, a fair amount of work - to those with well motors and proper capping of the wells. Next step is to see if they (Petersen-Puritan) can participate in this, based on the cost. They look at it as it is ours. They were happy someone reached out to them. Might be a participatory type thing from them, need to have a conversation with them- they are ready for us to take action.

b. Smartlink/AT&T Wireless - Antenna/Communications Equipment (Manville Tank Site): Draft Lease

Superintendent Anderson: We received a draft lease agreement. The items I want to highlight are the 5 year term lease, the rent fee pay to use is \$2,300 per month to lease the space on the tank. Also, the provision tenant is the police and the frequency needs to be reported to them. Certain warranty provisions that certified the property owner, property record cards as Lincoln Water Commission as the property owner. Whatever the case is, I anticipate council approval based on what I saw as the property owner. They also have access - 24 hours access to respond if equipment failure- arrangement with key lock. They are also responsible for removal of their equipment.

Commissioner Ken Booth- Will read through it, and look for typical language.

Superintendent Anderson: If we proceed they would have to go to The Planning Board process. They are aware of this process.

Motion to give Superintendent continue to negotiate and return to the commission: Motion by Commissioner Fox, second by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

c. 2022/2023 (FY23) Budget Preparation

Madame Chair Julie Labreche: For the budget preparation, this is for our review? To be voted on in June.

Superintendent Anderson: Correct.

Madame Chair Julie Labreche: We did meet, we met with Anna and Bob to go over the budget. Some recommendations were made, not too many changes but the budget is in the packets for review for the remaining commissioners.

Superintendent Anderson: This is preliminary.

Commissioner Ken Booth: If we've spoken with The Town to set up a charter with council there's a benefit, we'd still be independent- some of these account numbers if we had a separate line item, would it be an issue if we approve a total but the line numbers were broken up to specify. Would this be ok?

Council: That is fine.

New Business

Jason Nassaney - Outstanding invoice submittal for 2021 hydrant painting

Madame Chair Julie Labreche: Need motion to pay Jason Nassaney for the hydrant painting.

Motion to pay invoice for hydrant painting by Commissioner Sliney, second by Commissioner Long.

All in favor

Claims

a. The Trust – 8 Claims Filed by the Property Owners on Smith Street and Smithfield Avenue

b. The Trust - 1 Claim Filed by the Town of Lincoln: Veolia Invoice – Sewer Cleaning

Superintendent Anderson: Still waiting for an invoice from The Trust, waiting for The Town to submit to The Trust. Have been in touch with Veolia and DPW.

Seek to Adjourn to Executive Session According to RIGL 42-46-5

(a) (1); discussion on Anchor Auto (14a)

(b) Personnel Matter - Lew Prescott (14b)

Madame Chair Julie Labreche Roll call:

Commissioner Booth: Yes

Commissioner Fox: Yes

Commissioner Sliney: Yes

Commissioner Long: Yes

Motion to Seal Minutes of Executive Session According to RIGL 42-46-7(c)

Motion made by Commissioner Sliney. Second by Commissioner Long

Public Vote on Matters from Executive Session- Direct the solicitor to act on matters discussed in executive session. Motion Made by commissioner Sliney, second by commissioner Booth.

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Fox, second by Commissioner Booth.

All in favor