

Minutes of the January 31, 2014 Meeting
Warwick City Council Sewer Review Commission

Meeting was called to order by Councilman Ed Ladouceur, Chairman at 8:15 AM in conference room at the Warwick Sewer Authority.

Commission members present:

Councilman Ed Ladouceur, Chairman
Councilman Joe Gallucci, Vice Chairman
Representative Frank Ferri, District 22
Peter Ginaitt, Warwick Sewer Authority Board
Mark Carruolo, City of Warwick Mayor's Chief of Staff
Jane Austin, Save The Bay
Michelle Komar, Chairman's Citizen Appointment
James Boyd, RI Coastal Resources Management Council
William Russo, Advisor to Committee

Members not present: Doug Harris, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Senator William Walaska, District 30, Angelo Liberti, RI Department of Environmental Management, Ernie Zmyslinski, City of Warwick Finance Director, David Picozzi, City of Warwick Dept. of Public Works Director, Aaron Guckian, Warwick Sewer Authority Board Chairman

Also present: Janine Burke, WSA Executive Director

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. Mr. Don Fife asked what is polluting the Bay if not storm water and whether there were any engineering reports showing that septic systems and cesspools are polluting the Bay. Mr. Eugene Nadeau pointed SRC members to an article in the February edition of Rhode Island Monthly.

The Chairman next asked for comments/corrections to the draft minutes for the January 24th meeting. Ms. Komar had several questions and comments and Ms. Burke had a few minor edits. Ms. Burke made a motion to amend the draft minutes as discussed which was seconded by Jane Austin. The motion was approved with Ms. Komar dissenting and Mr. Boyd abstaining. The amended minutes were moved by Mr. Ginaitt, seconded by Councilman Gallucci, and approved with Ms. Komar dissenting and Mr. Boyd abstaining.

Next the SRC continued its review of the WSA enabling legislation, revisiting Section 2.2. The following summarizes the preliminary suggestions following discussions by the SRC:

Section 2-2

- Restore lines 149 through 161
- Review lines 146 through 148 with WSA legal counsel to see if needed, otherwise delete

Section 2-3

- Add "pursuant to WSA's rules and procedures" for public hearings at line 179. Concern was expressed that WSA needed to engage the public earlier in the process (i.e., preliminary design or 30% plans stage). Burke to research language in other communities' enabling legislation and/or rules and regulations regarding the timing of public hearings on construction projects

Section 2-4

- Restore language deleted in lines 207 and 208
- Restore mayoral advice and consent in line 212
- Delete “managers, operators, and consultants” on line 214
- Restore the word “other” in line 214
- Delete language inserted on lines 217 through 219
- There was a discussion about the requirements (per line 221) for reporting to the City Council. Councilman Ladouceur was looking for reporting in person to the City Council on a regular basis, to include information and updates on construction, finances, budget status, and Board member attendance among other things. Councilman Ladouceur to introduce a Resolution to specify the frequency and content of such regular reports to the City Council.

Councilman Ladouceur adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:20 AM.

The Next full Commission meeting date is scheduled for February 3rd at 8 AM at the offices of the Warwick Sewer Authority.