

Minutes of the August 5, 2013 Meeting
Warwick City Council Sewer Review Commission

Meeting was called to order by Councilman Ed Ladouceur, Chairman at 8:05 am.

Roll call was taken in the form of the Commission members introducing themselves.

Commission members present:

Councilman Ed Ladouceur, Chairman

Councilman Joe Gallucci, Vice Chairman

Representative Frank Ferri, District 22

Senator William Walaska, District 30

Ernie Zmyslinski, City of Warwick Finance Director

Aaron Guckian, Warwick Sewer Authority Board, Chairman

James Boyd, RI Coastal Resources Management Council Appointment

Angelo Liberti, RI Dept. Of Environmental Management Appointment

Doug Harris, Narragansett Indian Tribe

Jane Austin, Save The Bay Appointment

Michelle Komar, Chairman's Citizen Appointment

Members not present: Mark Carruolo, City of Warwick Mayor's Chief of Staff and David

Picozzi, City of Warwick Dept. of Public Works Director

Also present: Janine Burke, Executive Director of the Warwick Sewer Authority (WSA) and Joanne Cournoyer, Warwick City Council Liaison

Commission members and public attending the meeting signed an attendance sheet, which was then given to Ms. Cournoyer.

At the beginning of the 10-minute open microphone session, Councilman Ladouceur asked if any of the public attendees would like to speak. Four members of the public (identify for the record) spoke addressing the Commission.

Janine Burke had asked Dave Bebyn of B&E, WSA's rate consultant to address the Commission. Mr. Bebyn provided an overview of WSA usage rate history and structure, and latest usage rate study results and usage fee schedule. Presently, there are 2 future years remaining of the latest 5-year rate study which he had prepared. The recent 12% increase in the WSA usage fee was mainly for construction of WSA wastewater treatment plant upgrades which were mandated by RIDEM.

It was agreed that the Commission should have a special meeting to discuss the archaeological issues regarding sewer construction projects. This meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2013 at 3:00 pm, Lower Conference Room at Warwick City Hall.

Councilman Ladouceur adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 am.