

Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Meeting
Warwick City Council Sewer Review Commission

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS. FOR COMPLETE MEETING AUDIO MINUTES GO TO:

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Meeting was called to order by Councilman Ed Ladouceur, Chairman, at 8:05 AM in the conference room at the Warwick Sewer Authority.

Commission members present:

Councilman Ed Ladouceur, Chairman

William Russo, Advisor to Committee/Designee of the Mayor's Office

Janine Burke, Designee of the WSA Board

Angelo Liberti, RI Department of Environmental Management

Topher Hamblett, Save The Bay

Ernie Zmyslinski, City of Warwick Finance Director

Richard Kuehl, Chairman's Citizen Appointment

Hugh Fisher, Chairman's Citizen Appointment

Members not present: Councilman Joe Gallucci, Vice Chairman, David Picozzi, City of Warwick Department of Public Works Director, Michelle Komar, Chairman's Citizen Appointment, James Boyd, RI Coastal Resources Management Council, Aaron Guckian/Peter Ginaitt/Steve Sylven, Warwick Sewer Authority Board, Doug Harris, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Senator William Walaska, District 30.

Also present: Representative Joseph Solomon Jr., District 22, Susan Baker, Planning Department

10 Minute Open Microphone Session for Public Comment

Mr. Jim Boyasian and Mr. Don Fife shared their comments with the Committee.

Minutes from the previous meeting were available in draft but approval was not on the agenda so that action item was held until the next meeting.

Introduction of New Members

New members introduced themselves. The Chair reviewed the issues the Commission was focused on and the work that had been done to date.

Review of Enabling Legislation Proposal for 2015

The Committee started discussions using the version of the enabling legislation changes that had been voted out of the committee and sent to the City Council the previous year. New members had numerous questions and suggestions. It was clarified that authority to assess a connect capable fee was in the existing law subject to consent by the Mayor and Warwick City Council. There was much discussion the various changes under consideration. Members asked for additional data related to the number of unconnected properties and the impact on rates if all

were to connect. It was suggested to cut down the Summary of Changes document (prepared previously to accompany the redlined legislation) to one page. Sue Baker offered to draft something for the next meeting.

The Chairman reviewed his proposed process going forward and when he had to get the Commission-approved version to the City Council. After the City Council meeting, he plans to meet with the Warwick delegation to the General Assembly along with the Mayor.

Councilman Ladouceur adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:54 AM.