



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

March 27, 2012

The Regular March Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman James Sullivan.

Present: Chairman James Sullivan, Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair, Secretary Alan Remondi, and Commissioner Larry Goldman. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Kerri Kemp, Jeff Brining, Robin Elgin, Melissa Kirkconnell and Michele Addabbo.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. No members of the public were present.

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular February Meeting held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Secretary Remondi moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular February Meeting held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, as written. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Action Items.

- Resolution for General Manager's nomination to the APPA Board of Directors. Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to approve the following resolution. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the American Public Power Association (APPA) was created by and for municipal and state-owned utilities as a nonprofit, non-partisan organization to advance the public policy interests of its members and their consumers, and provide member services to ensure adequate, reliable electricity at a reasonable price with the proper protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the APPA is committed to advocating national policies that will ensure the viability and progress of municipal and state-owned not-for-profit utilities. Policy positions emphasize the importance of hometown decision making that puts customers first and ensures a stable supply of electricity while protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the APPA participates in a range of legislative and regulatory forums the ensure reliable and competitive priced electricity; promote competition in the wholesale electric market; protect the environment and the health and safety of consumers and; safeguard the ability of member communities to provide infrastructure and services consumers require; and

WHEREAS, the APPA is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of 30 elected members from 10 geographic regions tasked with oversight of the APPA and the more than 46 million people served by their member public power systems;

WHEREAS, the Norwich Public Utilities General Manager, John Bilda, has received a nomination to serve as a Director for the APPA; an honor never before bestowed on a member of the Norwich Public Utilities staff;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Norwich Public Utilities' Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize that Norwich Public Utilities has been a long standing member of the American Public Power Association since 1947. Furthermore, the Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the value this membership provides to the Norwich community and the importance of participating in a leadership role in the APPA. The Board of Commissioners does hereby acknowledge and congratulate John Bilda on his nomination to serve the Board of Directors for the American Public Power Association and support his involvement as an opportunity to represent the Norwich community at a national level.

Item 5. Financial Report. Informative.

Item 6. Strategic Presentations. None.

Item 7. General Business. Budget Presentation. NPU staff members presented the Board with an overview of the proposed FY2013 Budget. Informative.

Vice Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Secretary Remondi moved to recess the Board Meeting at 7:42 p.m. and enter into the Sewer Authority meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed at 7:44 p.m.

Item 8. Executive Session. Vice Chairman Boisclair seconded by Secretary Remondi moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to Discuss Confidential Trade Secret & Commercially Valuable Confidential or Proprietary Information Not Subject to Inspection or Public Disclosure Pursuant to Section 1-210[5] and 7-232a of the CT General Statutes. Unanimously approved. General Manager Bilda was asked by the Board to stay for the purpose of providing proprietary information.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Item 9. Other Business. General Manager Bilda provided a summary of the changes to the bargaining unit agreement for the Council 4 AFSCME Local 818 union representing NPU employees. Chairman Sullivan, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair, moved to approve the changes to the bargaining unit agreement as presented. Voted in favor: Chairman Sullivan, Vice Chairman Boisclair, Commissioner Goldman. Voted opposed: Secretary Remondi. Motion approved.

Item 10. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Secretary Remondi, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Attest:

Alan Remondi
Secretary