

**NEW LONDON-SPRINGFIELD WATER SYSTEM PRECINCT
Commissioners Monthly Meeting Minutes**

November 6, 2023

PRESENT: Kenneth Jacques (Chairman), John MacKenna (Commissioner), Rip Cross (by phone) (Commissioner), Rob Thorp (Superintendent) and Rhonda Gauthier (Office Manager).

Others in Attendance: New London residents; Rich and Karen Epstein, Judy Cooper, Guy Garofalo, Paul Vance, and Bill Helm (New London Selectman).

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM.

The appointment with Mike Metcalf was rescheduled for November 20, 2023, at 4:00. No other appointments.

Rip (by phone) made a motion to sign off on all bills presented to the Board for payment, John seconded the motion. Accounts payables approved.

Rip (by phone) made a motion to accept the minutes from October 2, 2023, John seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

The Board reviewed the Income and Expenditure from 1/1/2023 to 11/06/23. No discussion.

The Board signed the renewal for employee health coverage for 2024. There was a 15.6% increase for health insurance.

Chairman Jacques reported that the Precinct is still waiting on the Estimated cost for the Main Street Project. Underwood should send that by our December meeting.

Rob informed the Board that Jon will be on vacation the week of November 13th.

Bill Helm informed the Board that he had heard of grants for water Precincts and asked if the Board will be applying for grants. Superintendent Thorp explained that the Precinct has and will continue to apply for grants but in most cases have been denied because of the income per capita in New London. Most lower income towns or towns with higher needs receive the grants first.

The next meeting will be on November 20, 2023, at 4:00 with Mike Metcalf.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Commissioners will be December 4, 2023, at 4:00.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda L Gauthier