

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

December 4, 2023

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

Others in Attendance: New London residents; Rich and Karen Epstein, Bow Bowers, Bill Helm (New London Selectman) and Peter Nichols from NH Housing Commission.

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

There was discussion the the history of the Glengae Development. Ken explained that the zoning changes increasing the density in the town puts a strain on water availability.

Bill Helm wants Ken to discuss the Safe Drinking Water Act at the New London Selectmen's meeting on December 14, 2023 at 5:30.

Ken discussed the new water main to the New London Hospital was for fire protection. Ken explained that the growth in town has been steady and low and the Precinct has acted accordingly.

Mrs, Epstein asked when the precinct takes on a major project what does it mean for the Precinct voters as far as the tax rate is concerned. Ken explained that the Precinct has always tried to keep the tax rate around a dollar. It would depend on the size of the project and the bank loan.

Discussion with Bow Bowers regarding costs and amount of tax payers in the Precinct.

Ken stated due to economic constraints the Precinct is not in a position to take on the alternative water source project at this time. Ken asked for a motion to vote. Rip made a motion to vote to not take on the alternative water source project at this time, John seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda L Gauthier