

ORDINANCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 55

SMITHFIELD WATER SUPPLY BOARD ADVISORY COMMISSION

§55-1. Commission Established.

There is hereby established The Smithfield Water Supply Board Advisory Commission with the duties and purposes set forth in this Chapter.

§55-2. Membership.

The Smithfield Water Supply Board Advisory Commission shall consist of five (5) members, appointed by the Town Council from among the residents of the Town, each to serve a term of three (3) years, except that the terms shall be arranged so that the term of at least one member shall expire each year. Each member shall possess knowledge or experience in the field of public water supply to the satisfaction of the Town Council. In the event that a Commission member shall have missed three (3) consecutive meetings without consent of the Commission Chair, then his or her membership shall expire forthwith. In the event of a vacancy on the Commission for any reason, the Town Council shall make an interim appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. In addition to the five (5) members appointed by the Town Council, the Town Manager and Water Supply Board Superintendent shall serve in non-voting, ex officio capacities on the Smithfield Water Supply Board Advisory Commission.

§55-3. Organization.

The Commission shall meet at least monthly and shall organize annually electing from its voting members a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Commission may adopt any rules of procedure deemed necessary for the proper discharge of its duties. Meetings of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act.

§55-4. Quorum.

Three (3) voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and no vacancy in the membership shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Commission.

§55-5. Duties and Purposes.

The general duties and purposes of the Smithfield Water Supply Board Advisory Commission are as follows:

1. Study and report on the present and future operations of the Water Department;
2. Study and report on present and future water rates, including the tier system and an infrastructure charge;
3. Study and report on the current and future infrastructure needs of the Water Department, including any bonding which may be required;
4. Study and report on potential additional sources of water, including possible interconnections with Lincoln and North Smithfield;
5. Study and report on the possible “pipe swap” with the Providence Water Supply Board at the Longview Pump Station and the possible transfer of North Providence customers to Providence Water;
6. Study and report on the Woodcock study and the possible merger with the Greenville Water District;
7. Study and report on possible revisions and updates to the Smithfield Water Supply Board Rules and Regulations;
8. Study and consult with Water Board engineers and report on possible infrastructure needs for the EGO zone; and
9. Perform any other water- related functions assigned to the Commission by the Town Council.

§55-6. Advisory Nature of Commission.

The Commission shall be advisory in nature. Commission members shall serve without compensation. The Town Manager shall provide the Commission with such clerical and administrative assistance as may be necessary to carry out its duties hereunder.

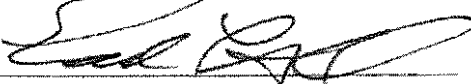
§55-7. Dissolution.

The Smithfield Water Supply Board Advisory Commission may be dissolved at any time by majority vote at the Town Council.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE EXPIRATION OF

THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ADOPTION.

ORDINANCE SPONSORED BY
PAUL M. SANTUCCI,
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ORDINANCE APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Edmund L. Alves, Jr.
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