

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
WATER BUREAU
PUBLIC HEARING**

Glastonbury Town Hall Main Building
Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT
Monday August 26, 2019

Present: Commissioners William DiBella, Raymond Sweezy, Domenic Pane, Peter Gardow, John Avedesian, Whit Osgood, Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison, District Clerk John Mirtle, Chief Operating Officer Christopher Levesque, Director of Engineering Susan Negrelli, Manager of Technical Services Michael Curley, Senior Project Manager David Banker, Senior Project Manager Jennifer Ottalagana, Senior Project Manager Josh MacCulloch, Real Estate Administrator Allen King,

**PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYOUT FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC WATER MAINS IN
CHESTNUT HILL ROAD, OLDE WOOD ROAD AND REVERE LANE IN
GLASTONBURY, CT**

Commissioner Ray Sweezy, chairman of the Water Bureau, called the public hearing to order at 6:01 PM

Commissioner Sweezy read the following general statement:

“This is a public hearing to consider the proposal to construct a public water main in portions of CHESTNUT HILL ROAD, OLDE WOOD ROAD and REVERE LANE in GLASTONBURY.

This Public Hearing is part of the legal procedure that The Metropolitan District is required to follow regarding the installation of water mains, as mandated by Special Act 511 of the Connecticut General Assembly of 1929.”

“The plan for this project has been undertaken in response to petitions for a public water main received from property owners.”

“A final decision on this project has yet to be made. That decision will take into account what is said at this hearing, along with other information, including any information that the Town or State of Connecticut provides regarding the need for this project from the standpoint of public health.”

John Mirtle, District Clerk, read and incorporated the following into the record:

The following hearing notices were published in the Hartford Courant on August 15, 2019 and August 23, 2019:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON EXTENSION AND ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR CHESTNUT HILL RD, OLDE WOOD RD AND REVERE LN, GLASTONBURY
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800
Hartford, Connecticut

The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing in the Town Hall Main Building, Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 2155 Main Street in Glastonbury, CT, on **Monday, August 26, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.** for the purpose of notification of the construction of a public water main in all or a portion of Chestnut Hill Road, Olde Wood Road and Revere Lane in Glastonbury.

All interested parties, both in favor or against said water main, may appear to be heard. Inquiries may be sent to DistrictClerk@themdc.com.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES

Commissioner Sweezy read the procedure and guidelines for the public hearing.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS

Project Manager Jennifer Ottalagana provided the following details about the proposed projects:

Chestnut Hill Road, Olde Wood Road and Revere Lane

Length and Size of Water Main: 1,850 feet of 8-inch water main
Number of Petitioners: 17 petitioners on Olde Wood Road and Revere Lane
Estimated Project Cost: \$1.3 million
Estimated Assessments: \$281,437.50
Projected Time Schedule: Start construction Spring 2020, finish Fall 2020
Special Features of Project: Several outcrops of rock in the area
Brief History of Project Start: Petition was received on May 20, 2019 from many property owners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Sweezy opened the floor for public comments.

1. Pam McKeever, 460 Chestnut Hill Road, is not a property owner for the proposed project but spoke in favor so that her property may receive water service in the future.
2. Peter Engster, 20 Revere Lane, supported the water main project.
3. Chris Curtin, 86 Olde Wood Road, supported the water main project.
4. Jim Scrobko, 108 Olde Wood Road, opposed the water main project.
5. Jim Vicevich and Jane Benson, 489 Chestnut Hill Road, are not property owners for the proposed project but spoke in favor so that their property may receive water service in the future.
6. Carl Talley, 98 Olde Wood Road, did not provide an opinion on the water main project.
7. Rick Standish, 11 Farmcliff Road, is not a property owner for the proposed project.
8. Chip Geer, 86 Sunset Drive, is not a property owner for the proposed project.
9. Sheila Sallinger, 453 Chestnut Hill Road, is not a property owner for the proposed project.
10. Sandy Allen, 12 Farmcliff Drive, previously responded to the canvas letter in support of the project but is now undecided on whether she is in favor or opposed to the project.
11. Johanna McGill-Hansen, 436 Chestnut Hill Road, is not a property owner for the proposed project but registered a written opinion with the District Clerk in favor of the project.

The following written comments were received:

From: Cc Johnson [mailto:dcj21066@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 5:25 PM
To: DistrictClerk <DistrictClerk@themdc.com>
Subject: Glastonbury public hearing re proposed construction of a public water main

I am opposed to the proposed project. I can not afford to have this work done. There are other alternatives. The water at 331 chestnut hill rd is fine.

On August 14 I received a certified letter regarding a public Watermain in all our portions of Chestnut Hill Rd., Oldewood Road and revere Lane in Glastonbury, I spoke with John S. Myrtle. Again, I am opposed to this plan and vote no!

Doris Johnson

COMMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section and Cheryl Fields, Toxicologist, both from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health spoke regarding health concerns related to drinking wells in Glastonbury due to uranium and radon.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:06 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval