

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION**

555 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Monday, August 1, 2016

**Present:** Commissioners Luis Caban, Daniel Camilliere, Mary Anne Charron, Donald M. Currey, William A. DiBella, Janice Flemming-Butler, Allen Hoffman, Kathleen J. Kowalyshyn, Joseph H. Kronen, Alphonse Marotta, Whit Osgood, Bhupen Patel, Hector Rivera, Pasquale J. Salemi, Helene Shay, Raymond Sweezy and Richard W. Vicino (17)

**Absent:** Commissioners Andrew Adil, Timothy Curtis, Matthew B. Galligan, Jean Holloway, William P. Horan, Sandra Johnson, Joseph Klett, Byron Lester, Maureen Magnan, James S. Needham, Mark A. Pappa, J. Lawrence Price, Kennard Ray, Michael Solomonides, and Special Representative Michael Carrier (15)

**Also**

**Present:** Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology  
Kelly Shane, Director of Procurement  
Robert Zaik, Interim Director of Human Resources  
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator  
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DiBella at 5:31P.M.

**ROLL CALL AND QUORUM**

The District Clerk called the roll and informed Chairman DiBella that a quorum of the Commission was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the District Board of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*On motion made by Commissioner Camilliere and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of July 11, 2016 were approved.*

*Commissioner Caban abstained.*

**REPORT FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

No report was given.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer, stated that the Customer Service Department on 60 Murphy Road will begin accepting payments on August 8, 2016.

He thanked the Commissioners for attending the facility tour and thanked the Staff for organizing the tour. Another tour is planned in Autumn.

He reminded Hartford Commissioners that they will attend a Public Works Committee Meeting on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> to give an update on the Marcus Garvey Park Project. A ribbon cutting is planned for September.

**REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL**

R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel, discussed an upcoming WUCC meeting in August. A draft copy of the Water Supply Assessment for the central part of the State of Connecticut should be available soon.

**CONDEMNATION OF 1040 NEW BRITAIN AVENUE, WEST HARTFORD**

To: District Board

August 1, 2016

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 48-12, and Sections 1-1, 1-2f and 1-4 of the Metropolitan District Charter, the Board of the Metropolitan District hereby authorizes District staff to proceed with condemnation proceedings within a portion of property owned by National Railroad Passenger Corporation/AMTRAK and located along and within 1040 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT, described as Map ID: G15/3771/1040 and referenced in Volume 664, Page 60 of the Town of West Hartford Land Records (see attached Assessment Card and Map), to acquire such property rights pursuant thereto as are necessary for the installation, use, maintenance and repair of the South Hartford Conveyance and Storage Tunnel and

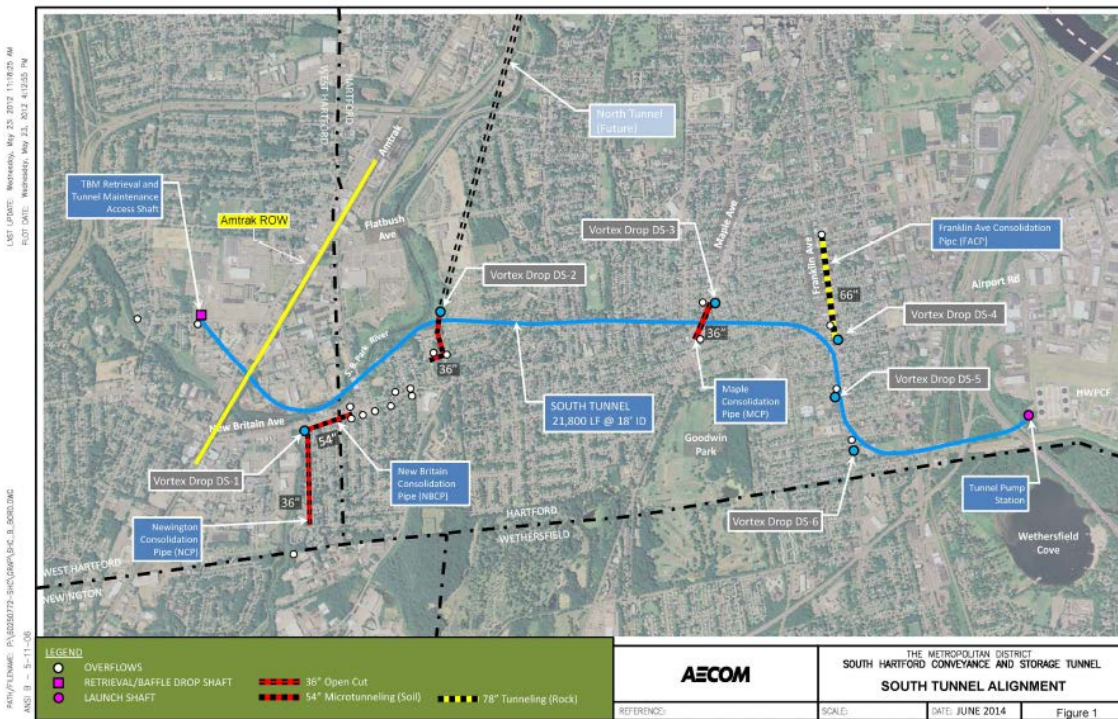
appurtenances thereto within or affecting said property, and to take such further or related action(s) as may be necessary to effectuate the project.

The amount of compensation to be awarded to the property owner, National Railroad Passenger Corporation/AMTRAK, pursuant to said condemnation proceeding, shall be \$100.00, notwithstanding that the average value as determined by two independent Connecticut licensed appraisers is zero.

Further, in the event said property owner agrees to voluntarily execute the subterranean easement for the installation, use, maintenance and repair of the South Hartford Conveyance and Storage Tunnel and appurtenances thereto prior to the commencement of any contested hearing within said condemnation proceeding, said property owner shall receive the total sum of \$1,250.00 as consideration for said easement.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk





***On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.***

***Commissioner Curtis entered the meeting at 5:45 P.M.***

#### **APPOINTMENT OF A WATER BUREAU COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HOGBACK WATERSHED RECREATION COMMISSION**

***The District Board discussed the appointment of a Commissioner Representative to the Hogback Watershed Recreation Commission, no action was taken.***

#### **SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION CLAIM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:52 P.M., Chairman DiBella requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

***On motion made by Commissioner Salemi and duly seconded, the District Board entered into executive session to discuss pending litigation.***

Those in attendance during the executive session:

Commissioners Luis Caban, Daniel Camilliere, Mary Anne Charron, Donald M. Currey, William A. DiBella, Janice Flemming-Butler, Allen Hoffman, Kathleen J. Kowalyshyn, Joseph H. Kronen, Alphonse Marotta, Whit Osgood, Bhupen Patel, Hector Rivera, Pasquale J. Salemi, Helene Shay, Raymond Sweezy and Richard W. Vicino; Attorneys R. Bartley Halloran and John S. Mirtle; Robert Zaik.

### **RECONVENE**

At 6:02 P.M., Chairman DiBella requested to come out of executive session and on motion made by Commissioner Caban and duly seconded, the District Board came out of executive session and reconvened. No formal action was taken.

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**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section B2f of the By-Laws of The Metropolitan District, the Board of Commissioners of The Metropolitan District hereby authorizes District Counsel, or his designee, to settle the lawsuit captioned *Henry B. Naboicheck v. The Metropolitan District et al.*, Docket No. HHD-CV-16-6051589-S ("*Litigation*"), for the total sum of \$20,000.00, subject to the proper execution of any and all documents reasonably necessary to effect said settlement, including but not limited to a general release containing a confidentiality provision from the plaintiff, and formal withdrawal of said action.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

***On motion made by Commissioner Camilliere and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.***

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judy Allen of 25 Fowler Drive, West Hartford, submitted the following comments:



**Meeting of the Metropolitan District Board**

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For inclusion into the minutes under general public comments.

Thank you for adding this opportunity for general public comments.

1. I would like to draw your attention to some of the promises Niagara made to you during your discussions of how their bottling plant would contribute to economic development, specifically the creation of new jobs. Niagara has added a space on their website devoted to the concerns raised by citizens of Bloomfield. In response to questions about whether the jobs created by Niagara would be good paying jobs. They responded that at peak capacity they will create 120 new jobs. They cite the MIT living wage calculations for Hartford County which is \$11.70 per hour for one adult. The average pay for an entry level position with Niagara is \$13.46. The same MIT living wage calculator for Hartford County says that for a single parent family with 2 children the living wage is \$30.33 per hour and this assume full time year round employment. \$13.46 is hardly a living wage for a family. Niagara says the average pay for an entry level positions is \$11.70. This mean that some of those jobs pay even less.

2. At the last board meeting there was discussion about the challenge facing the MDC as 1/2 of its workforce qualifies for retirement over the next 5 years. A publication by Homeland Security stresses that public water supply is vulnerable without a workforce that is experienced, knowledgable, and adequate to respond to any kind of crisis. I am concerned the MDC has not planned wisely to address the loss of senior, experienced workers. Chairman DiBella told you the new summer program for youth will be a sort of apprenticeship program helping to fill vacancies in the future. He also told you that 12 youth from local high schools signed up for this summer program, far short of the 20 to 30 youths who participated in summer jobs programs in the past. This isn't an effective way to attract future workers. However, many industries are beginning to partner with local community colleges to create a path to earning some kind of license or certificate demonstrating knowledge and readiness for employment. That would truly be an effective way of building a workforce for the future.

3. At prior meetings when the issue of transparency has come up, ideas related to using email to notify customers about the scheduling of public hearings were made. As the time gets closer for new rate changes to be adopted I would encourage you to put this or something similar in place for notification. The timing of pubic hearings is also important. For working people a hearing at 5:30pm is too early. A 7pm meeting time would facilitate more participation. A second hearing for each ordinance scheduled during the day would allow people who work in the evenings to attend. I realize the Charter requires you to give notice of a hearing in a newspaper and you should certainly do that. There is nothing that prohibits you from giving notice in other creative ways. As was pointed out at one meeting, emailing costs very little. Given the public outcry over last year's adoption of the high volume user rate, it would be wise for the MDC to do all it can to encourage public involvement.

Judy Allen  
25 Fowler Dr.  
West Hartford, CT

**COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

*Commissioner Salemi commented on prior projects with local colleges.*

*Commissioner Flemming commented on the diversity of the summer internship program.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval