

**THE WATER BUREAU
SPECIAL MEETING**
Remote Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Present: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Avery Buell, Georgiana Holloway, David Ionno, Gary LeBeau, Diane Lewis, Jacqueline Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Jon Petoskey, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William A. DiBella (12)

Absent: Commissioners Shubhada Kambli, Pasquale J. Salemi and Special Representative Michael Carrier (3)

Also

Present: Commissioner Christian Hoheb
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Christopher Martin, Chief Financial Officer
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Michael Curley, Manager of Technical Services
Allen King, Real Estate Administrator
David Banker, Senior Project Manager
Jennifer Ottalagana, Senior Project Manager
Jason Waterbury, Senior Project Manager
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Julie Price, Professional Level Trainee
David Silverstone, Independent Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sweezy at 5:03 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of November 23, 2020 were approved.

EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF CONNECTICUT DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION OVER DISTRICT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1557 BERLIN TURNPIKE, WETHERSFIELD

To: Water Bureau for Consideration on January 20, 2021

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (“DOT”) as part of its Coordinated Traffic Signal System Project on U.S. Route 5/ Route 15 (the “Project”) has been working with District staff and reached a tentative agreement regarding an easement over District property necessary to complete the Project. The purpose of the easement is to install an electric conduit to provide electricity to power a traffic controller cabinet. The proposed easement is set forth in the easement map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The compensation offered for the easement by DOT is \$500.00 for 370 sq. ft. (equals \$1.35 per sq. ft. or \$58,806.00 per acre). The valuations assigned by DOT are consistent with District valuation for similar easements acquired for District infrastructure improvements on private property.

It is RECOMMENDED that it be:

Voted: That the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board the following:

Resolved: That the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board that the Board authorize the Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents, in form and substance approved by District Counsel, reasonably necessary to convey, for the consideration stated above, the described easements to DOT.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

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

DRAFT DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN

David Banker, Senior Project Manager, gave a presentation on the drought response plan.

Commissioner Lewis entered the meeting at 5:14 PM
Commissioner Petoskey entered the meeting at 5:29 PM

COLEBROOK RIVER LAKE DAM

There was no new information to report. A response is pending from USACE.

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT COST

This item was added to the agenda because the topic was cut short at a previous Water Bureau meeting. There was no new information to report.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pane asked about the status of Berlin Water Control Commission billing dispute.

District Chairman DiBella informed the Bureau that Commissioner Avedisian is currently being treated for COVID-19 in the hospital.

Commissioner Sweezy asked that the topics of recreation and collections of water bills be added to the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval