

**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

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Date of Approval