

**BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

Present: Commissioners Andrew Adil, John Avedisian, Richard Bush, Donald Currey, Allen Hoffman, Dominic Pane, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin Taylor, Calixto Torres, Richard W. Vicino and District Chairman William DiBella (11)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners David Drake, James Healy, Byron Lester, Bhupen Patel and James Woulfe (5)

Absent: Commissioners Maureen Magnost and Alphonse Marotta (2)

Also

Present: Commissioner Peter Gardow
Commissioner Jean Holloway
Commissioner Pasquale Salemi
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer / Director of Finance
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Allen King, Real Estate Administrator
Jason Waterbury, Senior Project Manager
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Julie Price, Professional Level Trainee
David Silverstone, Independent Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicino at 5:06 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of June 9, 2021 were approved.

REQUEST FOR AN EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THOMAS J. DENNO, Jr. and JODY L. DENNO OVER THE POQUONOCK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1222 POQUONOCK AVENUE, WINDSOR

To: Bureau of Public Works for Consideration on September 22, 2021

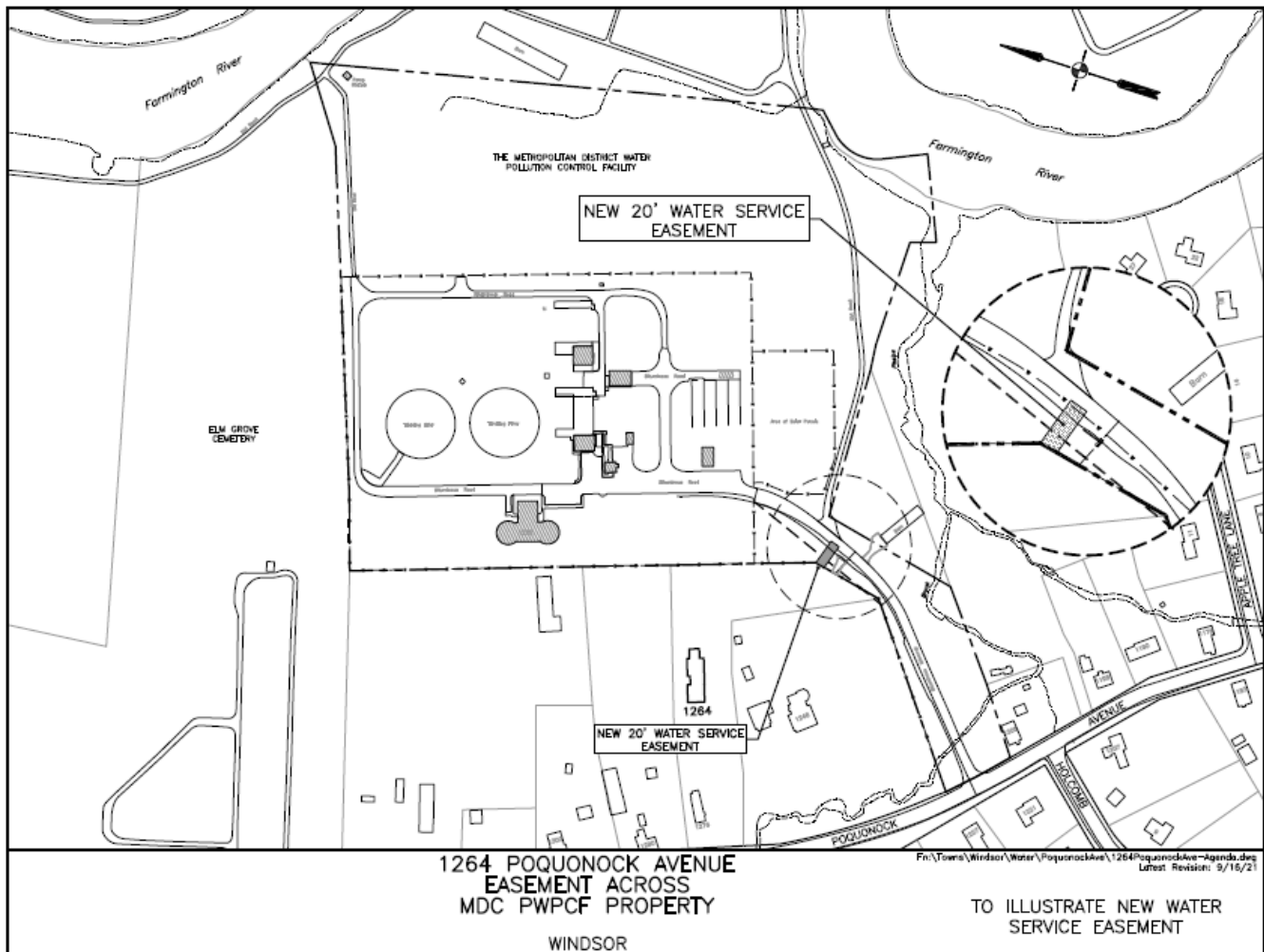
The property owners of 1264 Poquonock Avenue in Windsor, CT, Thomas J. Denno, Jr. and Jody L. Denno ("Property Owners"), have requested permission to connect to the water main that supplies the Poquonock Water Pollution Control Facility ("PWPCF"). In order to allow such a connection, the District would need to grant an easement to the Property Owners across District land. The proposed easement is set forth in the easement map attached hereto as Exhibit A. The District previously approved a similar easement for another adjacent parcel connected to the same water main.

The Property Owner's home is located on the rear portion of their lot, some 370 feet from the water main in Poquonock Avenue. The connection to the water main on the PWPCF property is only slightly shorter; however, it would allow the Property Owners to avoid crossing Poquonock Avenue in order to connect, which is a state road and would make construction costs significantly more expensive. Staff is confident that the granting of this easement will have no negative impact on the District's property or operation of PWPCF.

It is RECOMMENDED that it be:

Voted: That the Bureau of Public Works recommend to the District Board the following:

Resolved: That the Metropolitan District Bureau of Public Works recommend 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 Thomas J. Denno, Jr. and Jody L. Denno.



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

TUNNEL & DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD

Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering, gave a presentation regarding the South Hartford Conveyance and Storage Tunnel and dispute resolution board.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Jason Waterbury, Senior Project Manager, gave a presentation regarding vegetation management on sewer easements.

EPA REPORTING ON SSO

Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer, gave a presentation regarding EPA Reporting on sanitary sewer overflows.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Commissioner Bush spoke regarding the 200 year storm on August 19, 2021 and asked if there were any claims from West Hartford related to the storm and flooding.

Commissioner Taylor discussed the recent large storms, raising awareness of the associated results, and how the stormwater system was historically designed.

Commissioner Torres mentioned that he frequently hears from residents inquiring about environmental projects versus technical engineered projects and also discussed the need for member towns to consider taking steps to proactively alleviate stormwater issues.

District Chairman DiBella mentioned that there are 6,000 catch basins in Hartford and since the large storms MDC has been working with the city regarding the issue of street cleaning to reduce debris and trash in the catch basins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

Date of Approval