

**WATER BUREAU
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday March 23, 2022

Present: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Jackie Gorsky Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Pasquale Salemi, Raymond Sweezy, and Alvin Taylor (6)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Peter Gardow, Jean Holloway, David Ionno, Gary Lebeau, and District Chairman William DiBella (5)

Absent: Commissioners Clifford Avery Buell, Diane Lewis, Jon Petoskey, and Michael Carrier (4)

Also

Present: Commissioner John Avedisian
Commission Allen Hoffman (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
David Ruddy, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Alex Cosentino, Construction Manager (Remote Attendance)
David Banker, Senior Project Manager
Michael Curley, Manager of Technical Services (Remote Attendance)
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator
David Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Julie Price, Executive Assistant
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by District Clerk John Mirtle at 4:03 PM.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

District Clerk John Mirtle called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Pane placed Commissioner Raymond Sweezy's name in nomination, the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Sweezy was elected Chairperson of the Water Bureau for 2022 and 2023. Chairperson Sweezy assumed the Chair and thanked the Water Bureau.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Sweezy called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Taylor placed Commissioner Dominic Pane's name in nomination and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Dominic Pane was elected Vice Chairperson of the Water Bureau for 2022 and 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Adil and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of November 22, 2021 were approved.

RECREATION RATES AND PASSIVE RECREATION

Chief Operating Officer Christopher Levesque presented on MDC recreation rates and passive recreation. No changes to current rates were made.

POTENTIAL SALE OF SURPLUS CLASS III WATERSHED LAND

MDC staff discussed potential properties that the District may sell. Commissioners directed staff to identify 2 properties that are candidates for sale and bring them to the Water Bureau in 4-6 weeks for further discussion.

COLEBROOK RIVER LAKE DAM

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison gave the Water Bureau an update regarding the Colebrook River Lake Dam.

ADVANCED METER INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Senior Project Manager David Banker gave a presentation on advanced meter infrastructure.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Independent Consumer Advocate Joseph Szerejko spoke regarding agenda item #7 – Potential Sale of Surplus Land – and cautioned the Bureau and staff to be aware of statutory requirements when proceeding with any sale of water company land.

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, suggested that looking into the “highest and best use” of land does not necessarily mean the most profit. She stated Connecticut has lost a lot of trees and if any potential land for sale is forested, keeping the land as such could be the best use for that land.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

Date of Approval