

**WATER BUREAU
REGULAR MEETING**
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Present: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Clifford Avery Buell, Peter Gardow, Jean Holloway, Jackie Gorsky Mandyck, Dominic Pane, Pasquale Salemi, Alvin Taylor, and District Chairman William DiBella (9)

Remote

Attendance: Dimple Desai and Diane Lewis (2)

Absent: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Jon Petoskey, and Michael Carrier (3)

Also

Present: Commissioner Richard Bush
Commissioner Donald Currey
Commissioner Joan Gentile
Commissioner Allen Hoffman
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
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer
David Rutty, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
David Banker, Senior Project Manager
Michael Curley, Manager of Technical Services
Nick Salemi, Communications Administrator
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Remote Attendance)
Julie Price, Executive Assistant
David Baker, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Wayne Brelsford, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Joseph Szerejko, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pane at 5:16 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 Buell and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of November 14, 2022 were approved.

WATER SERVICE TO 145 NORTH ROAD, ROCKY HILL

To: Water Bureau for consideration on March 1, 2023

On January 24, 2023, the District Clerk received a request from the property owners of 145 North Road in Rocky Hill (“Property”) to be allowed to connect to the Town of Cromwell’s public drinking water system. The closest District water main would require approximately 1,800ft of water main installation for which the District does not have any plans to install water mains in this area. The costs to serve a single property would be cost prohibitive.

Staff reviewed the property owners request and recommend permitting the property owner to connect to the Town of Cromwell’s public drinking water system.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

VOTED: That the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the District hereby grants permission to the property owner of 145 North Road in Rocky Hill to connect to the public drinking water system of the Town of Cromwell for so long as the District does not have water mains serving the property.

FURTHER
RESOLVED: If at any time in the future the property owners intend to make additional connections to the Town of Cromwell’s public drinking water system or subdivide the Property, before making additional connections to Cromwell’s public drinking water system, the property owner shall notify the District and the District may evaluate offering water service to the Property or subdivided properties.

FURTHER
RESOLVED: The District does not waive it’s Exclusive Service Area by permitting the Property to connect to the Town of Cromwell’s public drinking water system.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

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

ADVANCED METER INFRASTRUCTURE SOLE SOURCE

Senior Project Manager David Banker presented on the various advanced meter pilot programs that the District has recently completed and recommended the implementation of Itron meters as the sole source.

METER INSTALLATION PROGRAM & NO ACCESS SHUTOFFS

Senior Project Manager David Banker updated the Water Bureau on the progress of the meter installation program and no-access shutoffs.

SOUTH WINDSOR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE AREA ISSUE WITH CT WATER

Senior Project Manager David Banker presented to the Water Bureau on an issue recently discovered where Connecticut Water is providing water service to a small portion of South Windsor that is within the District's Exclusive Service Area.

Commissioner Buell exited the meeting at 6:18 PM.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Chief Operating Officer Chris Leveque discussed the electric vehicle charging stations at District recreation areas, such as the reservoir public parking areas.

Commissioner Lewis exited the meeting at 6:23 PM.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison informed the Water Bureau that there would be an additional Water Bureau meeting in the near future to discuss recreation for the summer, UCMR5 testing for PFAS, and a standalone meeting for master planning for water treatment plants.

Commissioner Mandych requested a tour of the water treatment facilities for Commissioners before the master planning discussion.

Commissioner Gardow wants to discuss the economic development rate earlier this year and to take a look at how it is working for the District.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen, of West Hartford, suggested that based on a comment made by a Commissioner during last year's budget process, that a discussion about the economic development rate should start much sooner this year rather than waiting until the budget presentation at the end of the year. She also informed the Bureau that she is a member of Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) and would be happy to answer any questions from Commissioners. Lastly, in relation to the discussion on EV charging stations, she informed the Bureau that there was legislation last year to buy back PFAs firefighting foam.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

Date of Approval