



The Metropolitan District
water supply · environmental services · geographic information

**WATER BUREAU
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023
4:00 PM**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Commissioners</u>	
Board Room	Adil (VC)	Lewis
District Headquarters	Anderson	Mandyck
555 Main Street, Hartford	Buell	Pane (C)
	Desai	Petoskey
	DiBella (Ex-Officio)	Salemi
Dial in #: (415)-655-0001	Gardow	Taylor
Access Code: 43808661#	Holloway	
Meeting Video Link	Quorum: 7	

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2023
4. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: ABANDONMENT OF WATER MAIN - VETERANS TERRACE, 70 COLUMBUS CIRCLE, EAST HARTFORD
5. REPORT RE: FIFTH UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE
6. REPORT RE: LAKE McDONOUGH RECREATION
7. COMMISSIONER REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
8. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT

**VETERAN'S TERRACE PHASE 3, EAST HARTFORD
ABANDONMENT OF WATER MAIN**

To: Water Bureau for consideration on April 24, 2023

On March 3, 2023, the District received a letter from Salvatore R. Carabetta of Veteran's Terrace Communities III LLC, Owner and Developer of Veteran's Terrace Phase 3, requesting that the Metropolitan District abandon a portion of the existing water mains within the former Columbus Street Extension right of way and Michael Avenue in East Hartford, as shown on the accompanying map. The purpose of the request is to enable the construction of a new residential development known as Veteran's Terrace Phase 3. The Owner will in turn build new public water mains to service the development.

The proposal submitted includes the abandonment of approximately 400 feet of 8-inch cast iron water main, as shown on the aforementioned map. The existing water mains were originally constructed in a public roadway; therefore, no easements exist. The existing water mains were built in 1957 by the East Hartford Housing Authority under a Developer's Permit-Agreement with the Metropolitan District.

From an engineering standpoint, the abandonment of the existing water mains will not have a negative impact on the District's water distribution system, and no hardship or detriment would be imposed on others. The proposed new water mains will be constructed within the subject parcel within easements under a new Developer's Permit-Agreement.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that it be

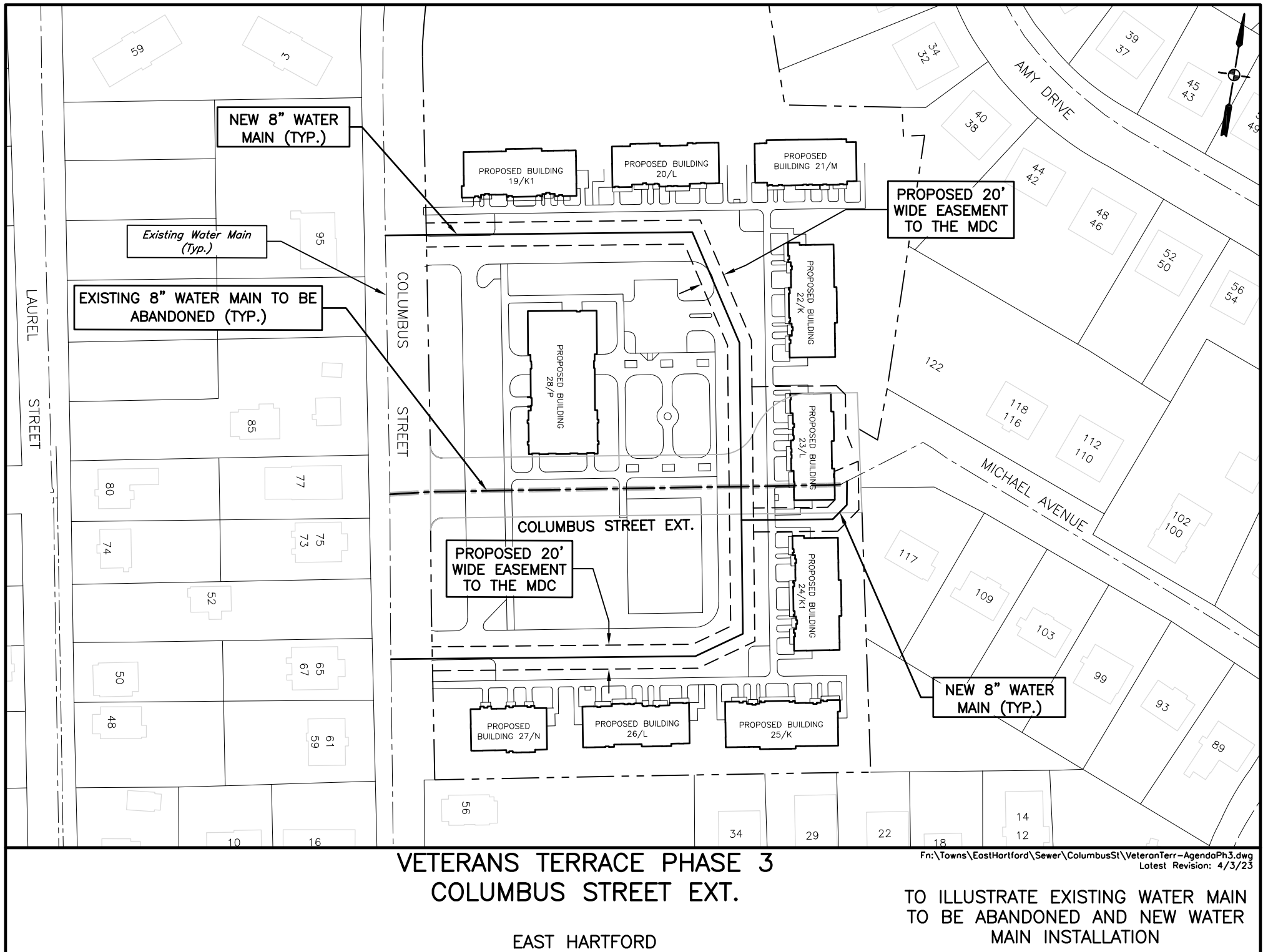
VOTED: That the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the District Board be authorized to execute the abandonment of the existing water mains within the former Columbus Street Extension right of way and Michael Avenue in East Hartford, as shown on the accompanying map.

Respectively submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer



The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford CT, 06103

March 3, 2023

Re: Veterans Terrace Extension
Request to Abandon Water Main
Michael Ave to Columbus Circle

To whom it may concern,

The undersigned is the anticipated owner of the improvements to be known as Veterans Terrace Phase 3. In partnership with the East Hartford Housing Authority, we will be demolishing all structures and a select number of existing site utilities as part of a state funded rehabilitation of the property to provide quality affordable apartments to low-income residents.

The rehabilitation will include the demolition and removal of all (8) existing buildings and the new construction of (9) new residential buildings and (1) community center. In order to facilitate the aforementioned rehabilitation, the existing Columbus Circle Extension will be abandoned, and a the existing 8" water main will be abandoned to allow re-routing of the main to service the project (reference attached drawings C-1.0 & MDC water main as-built drawing 22-241A).

This letter shall serve as our official request to abandon a select portion of the above-referenced existing 8" water main.

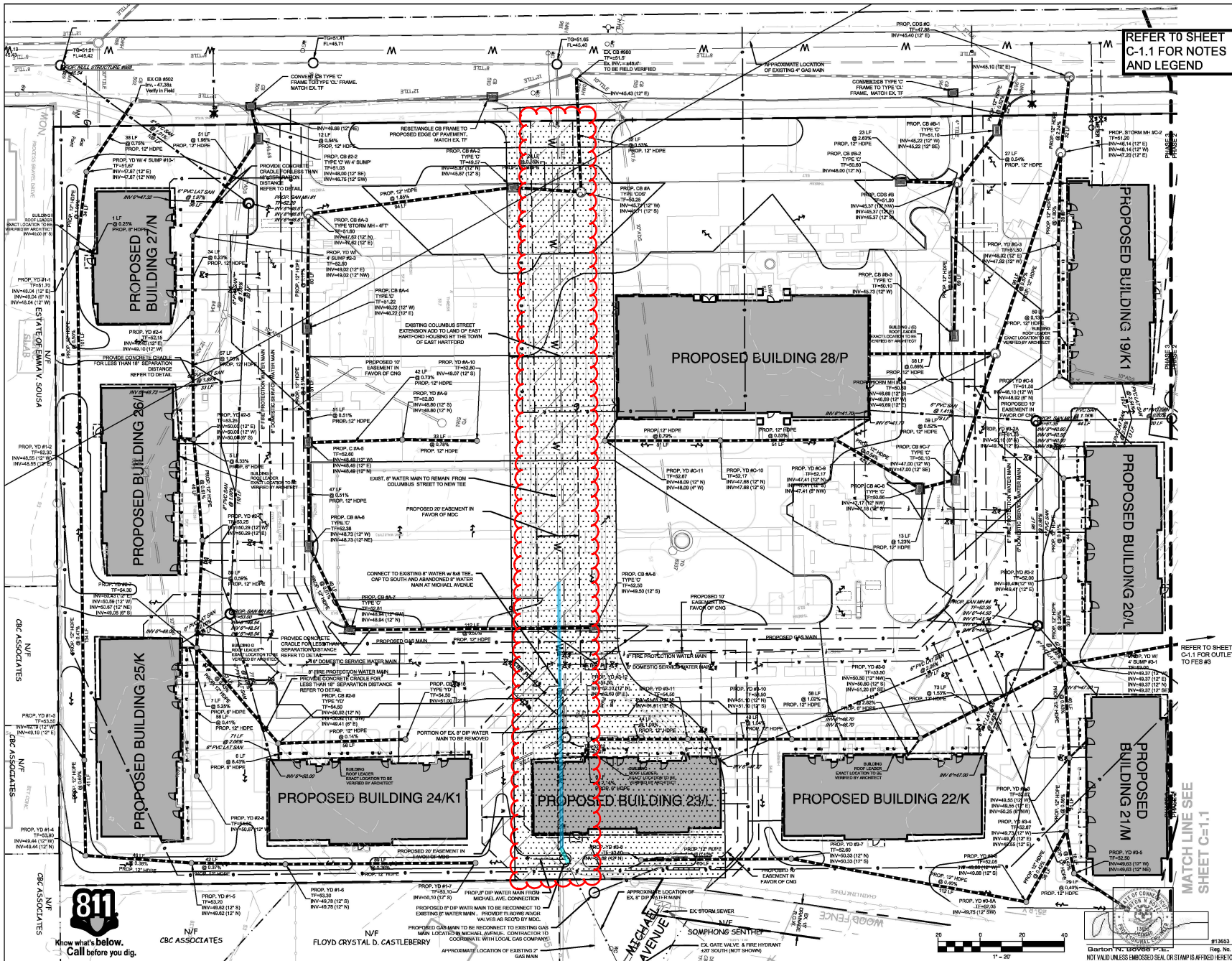
Thank you for your attention to this issue. And should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very Truly Yours

Veterans Terrace Communities III LLC
Veterans Terrace MM III LLC
Its Managing Member
Investors Network LLC
A Managing Member

By: 

Salvatore R. Carabetta

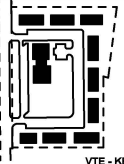


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NOT FOR
CONSTRUCTION
ISSUED FOR REVIEW
ONLY



PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
**VETERANS
TERRACE
EXTENSION**
EAST HARTFORD, CT
Project #: QAM 1559/TOD 6250

Revisions
Issue Date: **JANUARY 17, 2023**



MDC Submission

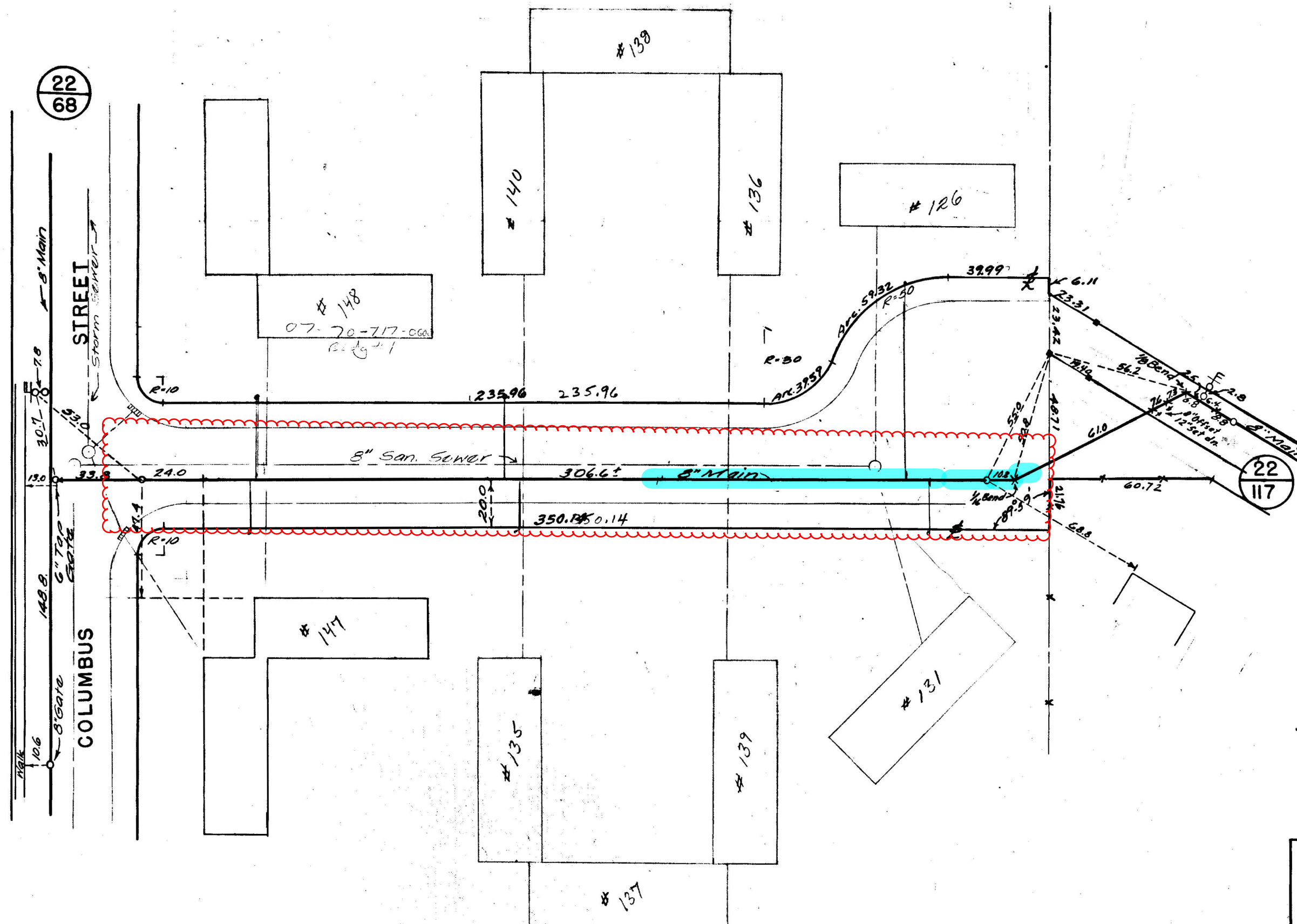
UTILITY PLAN

C-1.0

22-24A

VETERANS TERR.
MICHAEL AVENUE. E. H.

SCALE 1" = 40'



8" Main (Hyton) laid from #117 to main in Cul-de-sac in 1967
8" Main laid from Columbus St to Cul-de-sac in 1957

1 inch

WATER BUREAU
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
MICHAEL AVE. E. H.

Date 2-1-57 Scale 1" = 40'

Drawn By K.E.M.

Checked Revised

Engineer

22-24A

Water Bureau

MDC RECREATION AREAS

April 24, 2023 UPDATE

Lake McDonough Area

Towns:

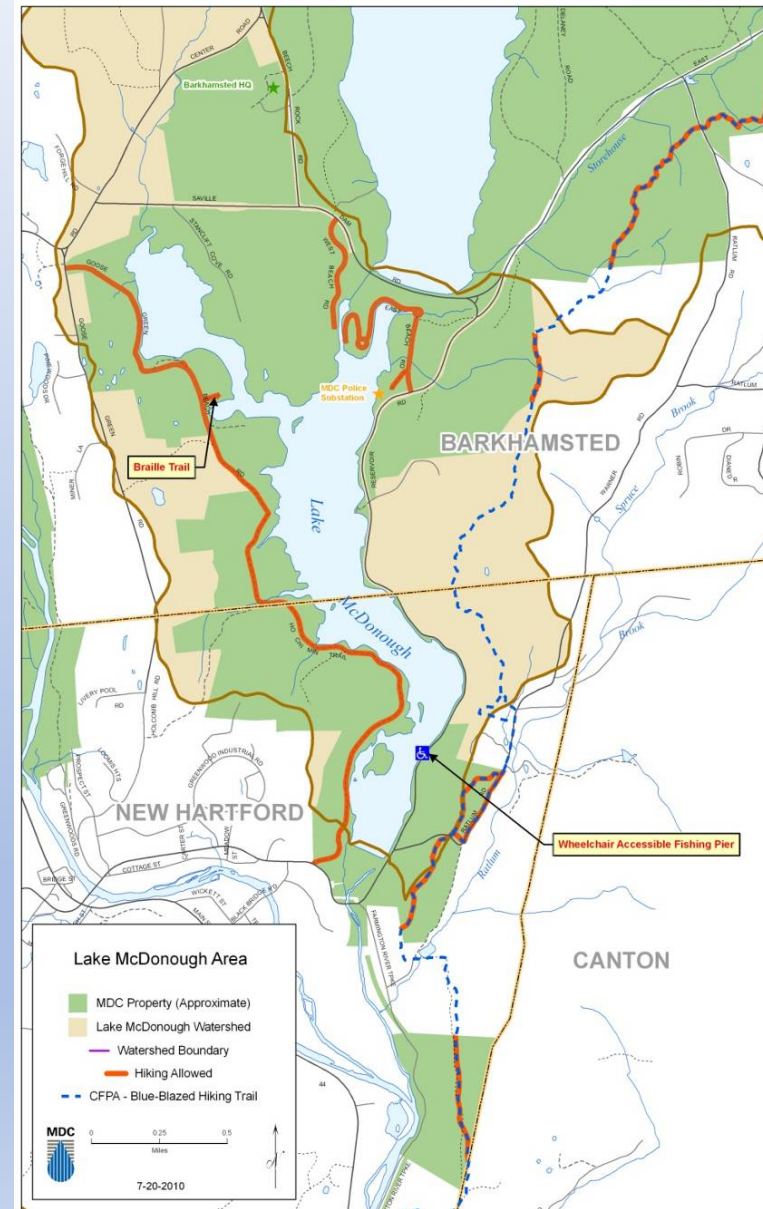
- Barkhamsted, CT (Taxes: \$56,651.60)
- New Hartford, CT (Taxes: \$54,822.50)

Acreage: 1,626 acres

Miles of Trails: ~6 miles

Recreation Uses:

- Swimming at Stancliff Cove
- Boating (CT DEEP Fishing Tournaments)
- Fishing (District Fish Stocking)
- Picnicking
- Ice Fishing (Prohibited)



2023 RECREATION UPDATE- Lake McDonough

Lake McDonough Boathouse and Boat Launch

- Maintain 2022 Operating Dates/Times
 - Weekend Only from Opening Day (April 8) to May 1
 - 7 Days per week starting on May 1, 10AM – 8PM
- Restricted to Private Boats Only, No MDC Boat Rentals, No Fishing Tournaments

Goal: “Passive Recreation”

- Recreation access by card reader for boat access
- Yearly Permit Access Only, Eliminate Day Pass.
- Similar system used by Regional Water Authority in New Haven
- Access to walking trails and Picnic Areas from Saville Dam Parking Areas

Communications: Member Towns, Local Watershed Towns and State Officials

- The District communicates rates and registration process on the District website
- Cards will be issued upon receiving application and payment
- Continue to respond to concerns regarding rate adjustments

Lake McDonough – 2022 Boating Summary

Boating Pass Sales Spring/Summer 2022

Type of Pass	Check	Credit Card	Gross Sales Amount	Credit Card Fees	Net Sales
Season Pass-Non-Resident (\$120 each)	7	83	\$ 10,800.00	(\$283.90)	\$10,516.10
Season Pass- Resident (\$60 each)	8	93	\$ 6,060.00	(\$163.36)	\$5,896.64
Day Pass-Non-Resident (\$40 each)	5	108	\$ 4,520.00	(\$123.63)	\$4,396.37
Day Pass- Resident (\$20 each)	1	95	\$ 1,920.00	(\$59.36)	\$1,860.64
Form Plugin for Online Sales *					(\$188.89)
Cellular Plans (\$80/Month)**					(\$400.00)
Total YTD	21	379	\$ 23,300.00	(\$630.25)	\$22,080.86

*Includes the cost of a Plugin to Support Online Form Completion for Online Sales

**Includes Cost of Cellular Plan for 2022 Season (April, May, June, July, August, and September)

Boating Pass Sales Spring/Summer 2021

Type of Pass	Cash/Check	Credit Card	Gross Sales Amount	Credit Card Fees	Net Sales
Season Pass-Non-Resident (\$120 each)	14	63	\$ 9,240.00	(\$202.86)	\$9,037.14
Season Pass- Resident (\$60 each)	18	62	\$ 4,800.00	(\$102.92)	\$4,697.08
Day Pass-Non-Resident (\$40 each)	3	85	\$ 3,520.00	(\$96.90)	\$3,423.10
Day Pass- Resident (\$20 each)	1	69	\$ 1,400.00	(\$42.78)	\$1,357.22
Equipment Costs*					(\$2,125.79)
Cellular Plans (\$80/Month)**					(\$560.00)
Total YTD	36	279	\$ 18,960.00	(\$445.46)	\$15,828.75

*Includes Cost of 2 iPads, 2 iPad Cases, Cellular Signal Booster, 2 Square Contactless Readers, and 2 Square Magstripe Readers

**Includes Cost of Cellular Plan for 2021 (April, May, June, July, August, September and October)

Labor Costs for Temporary Staff to Operate Boat Launch

	# of Weeks	Labor Costs
Early Season	3	\$2,880
Summer Season	15	\$50,400
		\$53,280

Other Costs

- MDC also has a dedicated Conservation Ranger who manages Temporary staff for the 18 weeks as well as coordinates internal activities for the season.
- MDC Communications and Finance provides support.
- MDC Water Supply Maintenance Staff provide all prep/closure and ongoing maintenance during the boating season

**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 Mandyck 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